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BRIDGET WHITLEY SEEKS OFFICE OF DAUPHIN COUNTY REGISTER OF WILLS

HARRISBURG (Feb. 25) – Harrisburg Attorney Bridget M. Whitley today announced she will seek the Democratic nomination for the office of Dauphin County Register of Wills/Clerk of the Orphans’ Court.

“As an attorney I have handled estates in at least 18 Pennsylvania counties and I am familiar with the operation of the Register of Wills offices in each of them,” Whitley said. “I have also handled Orphans’ Court litigation in Dauphin, Cumberland, York, Lancaster, Philadelphia and Delaware Counties. My professional experience has qualified me to administer these offices, and to bring best practices from across the state to Dauphin County.”

Whitley has practiced law since 1981. She holds a Bachelors of Arts degree from Penn State, a Juris Doctor degree from Temple University and a Masters of Law degree in estate planning from the University of Miami, Florida. Currently, Whitley is Of Counsel at SkalatosZonarich LLC, Harrisburg. She is admitted to practice in Pennsylvania and Florida.

“The Register of Wills Office can be more than just an administrative office. It can serve a public education function through the sponsorship of free programs on such topics as organ and tissue donation, end of life decision-making and the role of the Register and Clerk in the administration of estates. Typically, the public only interacts with this office when probating wills, filing for guardianship of a parent or adoption of a child, or obtaining a marriage license.”

Whitley has been active in the Pennsylvania Bar Association, serving on the Council of the Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section, and as its past president and delegate to the PBA House of Delegates.

Whitley is also a strong supporter of the arts, aiding in the annual fundraising campaign of the Cultural Enrichment Fund, and is a past president and board member of Open Stage of Harrisburg. She is active in a number of political issues, primarily focused on civil rights, women’s and LGBTQ community issues. Whitley is an officer and long-time member of the Harrisburg Bridge Club, as well as certified bridge teacher and director through the American Contract Bridge League.

Whitley has one daughter, Alice, currently residing in New York.

Primary election day is May 21, 2019.

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