

NAME APPROVAL FOR ESTABLISHMENTS

On October 6, 2014, the United States Supreme Court denied the plaintiffs' petition for writ of certiorari in the matter of *Ernest F. Heffner, et al v. Donald J. Murphy, et al* and concluded several years of litigation during which a federal district court injunction precluded the State Board of Funeral Directors from enforcing certain provisions of the Funeral Directors Law.

The decision now permits the use of trade names in the funeral directing profession within the Commonwealth, therefore it is no longer necessary for the Board to pre-approve the use of names.

Establishments desiring to incorporate must submit an Articles of Incorporation application to the Corporation Bureau, www.dos.pa.gov/corps. Upon approval of the Articles, funeral establishments must submit to the Board office the required application, fee and approval of their Articles of Incorporation. Applications can be downloaded from the Board's website www.dos.pa.gov/funeral