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**Judge Ott combines two court dates for Barnes Board to answer
Friends of the Barnes, Montco petitions**

(NORRISTOWN – September 26, 2007) Montgomery County Orphans' Court Judge Stanley Ott has ordered members of the Barnes Board of Trustees to appear on October 19 to respond to two separate petitions recently filed by Friends of the Barnes Foundation, and Montgomery County, the county in which the Barnes Foundation was established in 1922. Both petitions request that the Court open new hearings on the future of the Barnes Foundation in the interest of preserving the Merion, Pennsylvania site as defined by its donor, Albert Barnes. The complex bequeathed by Barnes comprises a purpose-built gallery building designed by Paul Philippe Cret, an unparalleled art collection, and an arboretum originally established in the 1880s.

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