Tentative Rulings for April 24, 2025 Probate Calendar

Judge James T. Chou Department C

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Judge James T. Chou Department C 9:00 Calendar

PR0000012 IN THE MATTER OF KEVIN G. MOLINARI

Petition for Approval of Report on Status of Administration.

<u>Ruling</u>. **Continued to May 29, 2025 at 9:00.** Personal Representative is ordered to file the following at least 5 court days prior to hearing:

- 1. Personal Representative's verification to the 4/11/25 Petition.
- 2. Proof of Service showing that all interested parties received proper notice:
 - a. The title of the Petition must be entered in Item 1 of the Notice of Hearing;
 - b. The box in Item 1 must be checked.

PR0000196 IN THE MATTER OF DONNA JEAN APICE

First Report of Status of Administration and Request for Extension of Time to Administer Estate.

<u>Ruling</u>. Absent objections, the Report of Status of Administration is **accepted and approved**. Personal Representative is ordered to comply with the following future dates:

- 1. Status on Closing Estate.
 - a. <u>Either</u>: (1) a Petition for Final Distribution; <u>or</u> (2) a Report on Status of Administration shall be filed by July 31, 2025, as required by Prob. C §§ 12200 & 12201.
 - b. A status hearing re filing a Petition or Report shall be set on August 21, 2025 at 10:00.
 - i. If neither document has been timely filed, an appearance will be required.
 - ii. If the Petition or Report is timely filed, the hearing will be set on August 21, 2025 at 9:00.

PR0000444 IN THE MATTER OF MARY A. FREEMAN

Petition for termination of proceedings and for final discharge.

Ruling. Absent objections, this Petition will be granted without hearing.

PR0000451 IN THE MATTER OF JOSEPH A. ARMEL

Report of Status and Petition for Additional Time for Estate Administration.

<u>Ruling</u>. **Continued to May 29, 2025 at 9:00.** Personal Representative is ordered to file the following at least 5 court days prior to hearing:

1. Personal Representative's signed verification to the 3/20/25 Petition.

PR0000469 IN THE MATTER OF THE JACK B. NEUMAN AND FLORENCE S. NEUMAN REVOCABLE TRUST, MARITAL AND EXEMPTION SUBTRUSTS

First Amended Petition for: (1) Approval of Account; and (2) Instructions Regarding Distribution.

Ruling. The Parties are ordered to appear for status.

PR0000659 IN THE MATTER OF THE TESTAMENTARY TRUST FBO JANICE YATES ESTABLISHED UNDER THE WILL OF ARTHUR P. MONTANARO

Petition for Order Approving Modification of Trust Terms Under Probate Code Section 15403.

<u>Ruling</u>. **Continued to May 22, 2025 at 9:00.** The Court notes that Fishler's Report was not attached to the Declaration filed on April 1, 2025 and that a Proof of Service confirming service of Fishler's Declaration and Report on all interested parties has yet to be filed.

Mr. Klamm is ordered to file the following by no later than May 15, 2025:

- 1. Fishler's Report
- 2. Proof of Service confirming notice of the Declaration and Report to all interested parties, including but not limited to:
 - a. Petitioner's children (Robert, Angela, and Gina)
 - b. Petitioner's adult grandchildren (Abigail, Brian, and Thomas)
 - c. Petitioner's minor grandchildren (Alice, Hudson, Adeline, Benton, Evelyn, and Weston)
 - d. The parents of the minor grandchildren.

PR0000714 IN THE MATTER OF DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY OF PHILIP C. GENET, DATED JULY 27, 2018

Petition to Compel Attorney-in-Fact to Account.

Ruling. Continued to May 22, 2025 at 9:00 for further review.

PR0000823 IN THE MATTER OF NORMA B. CONNOR

Petition regarding preliminary distribution.

Ruling. Continued to May 22, 2025 at 9:00 for further review.

PR0000843 IN THE MATTER OF SAMUEL MATTHEW GOLDBERGER

Motion for Order to Reconsider Tentative Ruling.

<u>Ruling</u>. The Motion for Reconsideration is **denied** because the moving party has failed to provide evidence of "new or different facts, circumstances or law" to support a C.C.P. section 1008 motion addressing the issue of venue, which the Court concludes it lacks based upon the proceedings occurring in Mendocino County. Thus, the Court lacks jurisdiction to consider this motion. See also, Gilberd v. AC Transit (1995) 32 Cal.App.4th 1494, 1500.

PR0000891 IN THE MATTER OF THE GOODY FAMILY TRUST DATED APRIL 27, 1988, AS AMENDED AND RESTATED ON DECEMBER 29, 1999

- 1) Amended Motion to Modify trust.
- 2) Order to show cause for denial without prejudice for failure to filed proof of service confirming 30 days' notice of petition.

Ruling. Absent objections, this Motion will be granted without hearing.

PR0000949 IN THE MATTER OF BONNIE FRANK

Petition regarding spousal property.

Ruling. Absent objections, this Petition will be granted without hearing.

PR0000987 IN THE MATTER OF MERLE J. ONGARO TRUST, DATED JANUARY 28, 2015

- 1) Trust instructions.
- 2) Status regarding meet and confer efforts and to set further proceedings.

Ruling. Continued to May 29, 2025 at 9:00 pursuant to stipulated Order dated April 10, 2025.

PR0001001 IN THE MATTER OF W. GRANT HELLAR III AND EVA D. HELLAR REVOCABLE INTER VIVOS TRUST DATED SEPTEMBER 28, 1990, AS AMENDED

Petition for Order Establishing a Single Trust Under Trust Instrument.

<u>Ruling</u>. **The Parties are ordered to appear.** Petitioner is to be prepared to discuss: (1) why the proposed Guardian ad Litem is an appropriate choice; and (2) failure to comply with the Court's March 13, 2025 order.

PR0001010 IN THE MATTER OF ELEANOR C. CRISWELL

- 1) Petition for letters testamentary.
- 2) Petition for letters of special administration.
- 3) OSC re denial without prejudice for failure to file a Petition for Letters of Special Administration.

<u>Ruling</u>. Absent objections, the Petition for Letters of Special Administration will be **granted without hearing**. The Petition for Letters Testamentary is **continued to June 5, 2025 at 9:00**. The Special Letters will expire on June 5, 2025.

PR0001062 IN THE MATTER OF KEITH STONEKING

Amended Petition for Letters Testamentary.

<u>Ruling</u>. Continued to May 22, 2025 at 9:00. Petitioner is ordered to file the following at least 5 court days prior to hearing:

1. Proof of Service confirming that all interested parties received notice on the mandatory Judicial Council form "Notice of Petition to Administer Estate (DE-121).

PR0001110 IN THE MATTER OF NEIL ALAN ESKIND

<u>Ruling</u>. Absent objections, this Petition will be **granted without hearing**. Petitioner is ordered to comply with the following future dates:

- 1. Final Inventory and Appraisal.
 - a. A status hearing for the filing of the Final Inventory and Appraisal shall be set on August 28, 2025 at 10:00.
 - b. An appearance will be required on that date if the Final I&A is not filed at least 5 court days prior to hearing.
- 2. Status on Closing Estate.
 - a. <u>Either</u>: (1) a Petition for Final Distribution; <u>or</u> (2) a Report on Status of Administration shall be filed by April 30, 2026, as required by Prob. C §§ 12200 & 12201.
 - b. A status hearing re filing a Petition or Report shall be set on May 21, 2026 at 10:00.
 - i. If neither document has been timely filed, an appearance will be required.
 - ii. If the Petition or Report is timely filed, the hearing will be set on May 21, 2026 at 9:00.

PR0001125 IN THE MATTER OF RONALD J. REID

Petition for letters of administration with will annexed.

<u>Ruling</u>. Absent objections, this Petition will be **granted without hearing**. Petitioner is ordered to comply with the following future dates:

- 1. Final Inventory and Appraisal.
 - a. A status hearing for the filing of the Final Inventory and Appraisal shall be set on August 28, 2025 at 10:00.
 - b. An appearance will be required on that date if the Final I&A is not filed at least 5 court days prior to hearing.
- 2. Status on Closing Estate.
 - a. <u>Either</u>: (1) a Petition for Final Distribution; <u>or</u> (2) a Report on Status of Administration shall be filed by April 30, 2026, as required by Prob. C §§ 12200 & 12201.
 - b. A status hearing re filing a Petition or Report shall be set on May 21, 2026 at 10:00.
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 - ii. If the Petition or Report is timely filed, the hearing will be set on May 21, 2026 at 9:00.

PR0001158 IN THE MATTER OF NOEL ERNESTO MENDOZA BORGE

Amended Petition for letters testamentary.

<u>Ruling</u>. Continued to May 22, 2025 at 9:00. Petitioner is ordered to lodge the original Will at least 5 court days prior to hearing:

PR0001159 IN THE MATTER OF MARILYN IRENE LAUBSCHER

Petition for letters testamentary.

<u>Ruling</u>. Continued to May 22, 2025 at 9:00. Petitioner is ordered to file the following at least 5 court days prior to hearing:

1. Supplement to Petition setting forth the names, ages, addresses, and relationships of the beneficiaries of the Laubscher Trust.

PR0001164 IN THE MATTER OF GEORGE JIRI MRAZ

Petition for letters testamentary.

<u>Ruling</u>. Absent objections, this Petition will be **granted without hearing**. Petitioner is ordered to comply with the following future dates:

- 1. Final Inventory and Appraisal.
 - a. A status hearing for the filing of the Final Inventory and Appraisal shall be set on August 28, 2025 at 10:00.
 - b. An appearance will be required on that date if the Final I&A is not filed at least 5 court days prior to hearing.
- 2. Status on Closing Estate.
 - a. <u>Either</u>: (1) a Petition for Final Distribution; <u>or</u> (2) a Report on Status of Administration shall be filed by April 30, 2026, as required by Prob. C §§ 12200 & 12201.
 - b. A status hearing re filing a Petition or Report shall be set on May 21, 2026 at 10:00.
 - i. If neither document has been timely filed, an appearance will be required.
 - ii. If the Petition or Report is timely filed, the hearing will be set on May 21, 2026 at 9:00.

PR0001168 IN THE MATTER OF LARRY ALLEN COCHRUN

Petition for letters of administration to administer under the independent administration of estates act.

<u>Ruling</u>. Absent objections, this Petition will be **granted without hearing**. Petitioner is ordered to comply with the following future dates:

- 1. Final Inventory and Appraisal.
 - a. A status hearing for the filing of the Final Inventory and Appraisal shall be set on August 28, 2025 at 10:00.
 - b. An appearance will be required on that date if the Final I&A is not filed at least 5 court days prior to hearing.
- 2. Status on Closing Estate.
 - a. <u>Either</u>: (1) a Petition for Final Distribution; <u>or</u> (2) a Report on Status of Administration shall be filed by April 30, 2026, as required by Prob. C §§ 12200 & 12201.
 - b. A status hearing re filing a Petition or Report shall be set on May 21, 2026 at 10:00.
 - i. If neither document has been timely filed, an appearance will be required.
 - ii. If the Petition or Report is timely filed, the hearing will be set on May 21, 2026 at 9:00.

PR0001169 IN THE MATTER OF TIMOTHY JOSEPH ADAMS

Petition for letters of administration.

<u>Ruling</u>. Absent objections, this Petition will be **granted without hearing**. Petitioner is ordered to comply with the following future dates:

- 1. Final Inventory and Appraisal.
 - a. A status hearing for the filing of the Final Inventory and Appraisal shall be set on August 28, 2025 at 10:00.
 - b. An appearance will be required on that date if the Final I&A is not filed at least 5 court days prior to hearing.
- 2. Status on Closing Estate.
 - a. <u>Either</u>: (1) a Petition for Final Distribution; <u>or</u> (2) a Report on Status of Administration shall be filed by April 30, 2026, as required by Prob. C §§ 12200 & 12201.
 - b. A status hearing re filing a Petition or Report shall be set on May 21, 2026 at 10:00.
 - i. If neither document has been timely filed, an appearance will be required.
 - ii. If the Petition or Report is timely filed, the hearing will be set on May 21, 2026 at 9:00.

PR0001174 IN THE MATTER OF WILLIAM HOOVER WESTWICK

Petition for letters of administration.

<u>Ruling</u>. Absent objections, this Petition will be **granted without hearing**. Petitioner is ordered to comply with the following future dates:

- 1. Final Inventory and Appraisal.
 - a. A status hearing for the filing of the Final Inventory and Appraisal shall be set on August 28, 2025 at 10:00.
 - b. An appearance will be required on that date if the Final I&A is not filed at least 5 court days prior to hearing.
- 2. Status on Closing Estate.
 - a. <u>Either</u>: (1) a Petition for Final Distribution; <u>or</u> (2) a Report on Status of Administration shall be filed by April 30, 2026, as required by Prob. C §§ 12200 & 12201.
 - b. A status hearing re filing a Petition or Report shall be set on May 21, 2026 at 10:00.
 - i. If neither document has been timely filed, an appearance will be required.
 - ii. If the Petition or Report is timely filed, the hearing will be set on May 21, 2026 at 9:00.

PR0001176 IN THE MATTER OF BERTHA LIA DELGADO

Petition for letters testamentary.

<u>Ruling</u>. Continued to May 22, 2025 at 9:00. Petitioner is ordered to file the following at least 5 court days prior to hearing:

1. Notice of Administration of Estate and Proof of Service confirming that the consulates for France and Colombia received proper notice (Prob. C. § 8113).

PR0001198 IN THE MATTER OF GLORIA T. BURRESS

Petition for letters testamentary.

<u>Ruling</u>. Absent objections, this Petition will be **granted without hearing**. Petitioner is ordered to comply with the following future dates:

- 1. Final Inventory and Appraisal.
 - a. A status hearing for the filing of the Final Inventory and Appraisal shall be set on August 28, 2025 at 10:00.
 - b. An appearance will be required on that date if the Final I&A is not filed at least 5 court days prior to hearing.
- 2. Status on Closing Estate.
 - a. <u>Either</u>: (1) a Petition for Final Distribution; <u>or</u> (2) a Report on Status of Administration shall be filed by April 30, 2026, as required by Prob. C §§ 12200 & 12201.
 - b. A status hearing re filing a Petition or Report shall be set on May 21, 2026 at 10:00.
 - i. If neither document has been timely filed, an appearance will be required.
 - ii. If the Petition or Report is timely filed, the hearing will be set on May 21, 2026 at 9:00.

PR0001204 IN THE MATTER OF A-LEA SILAS LOVIS

Petition for letters testamentary; lost will.

<u>Ruling</u>. Absent objections, this Petition will be **granted without hearing**. Petitioner is ordered to comply with the following future dates:

- 1. Final Inventory and Appraisal.
 - a. A status hearing for the filing of the Final Inventory and Appraisal shall be set on August 28, 2025 at 10:00.
 - b. An appearance will be required on that date if the Final I&A is not filed at least 5 court days prior to hearing.
- 2. Status on Closing Estate.
 - a. <u>Either</u>: (1) a Petition for Final Distribution; <u>or</u> (2) a Report on Status of Administration shall be filed by April 30, 2026, as required by Prob. C §§ 12200 & 12201.
 - b. A status hearing re filing a Petition or Report shall be set on May 21, 2026 at 10:00.
 - i. If neither document has been timely filed, an appearance will be required.
 - ii. If the Petition or Report is timely filed, the hearing will be set on May 21, 2026 at 9:00.

PR0001206 IN THE MATTER OF JOSEPHINE SKEWES-COX

Petition for letters of administration.

Ruling. Continued to May 22, 2025 at 9:00 for further review.

PR0001207 IN THE MATTER OF SHARON ELIZABETH SCHILLINGS

Petition for letters testamentary.

Ruling. Continued to May 22, 2025 at 9:00 for further review.

PR0001208 IN THE MATTER OF ELISABETH BIRGITTA STROMBERG-BAKER

Petition for letters testamentary.

Ruling. Continued to May 22, 2025 at 9:00 for further review.

PRO073261 IN RE THE MATTER OF THE RHIANNA BOSTIAN TRUST, TRUST OF

Ninth accounting.

Ruling. Continued to May 22, 2025 at 9:00 for further review.

PRO1604636 IN RE THE JAIME ESCAMILIA JR. SPECIAL NEEDS TRUST

Status Report.

<u>Ruling</u>. Pursuant to Trustees' request for more time to complete their first account and report, the Trustees are ordered to comply with the following future dates:

- 1. Trustees are to file the First Account for the period 12/11/23 12/31/24 by July 24, 2025.
- 2. A status hearing re filing the First Account shall be set on August 28, 2025 at 10:00.
 - **a.** If not timely, an appearance will be required.
 - b. If the First Account is timely filed, the hearing will be set on August 28, 2026 at 9:00.

PRO2000171 IN RE THE JOYE HOLDINGS TRUST, TRUST OF

Motion to dismiss.

Ruling. Continued to May 8, 2025 at 9:00 for further review.

PRO2001159 ALENA NEVL, ESTATE OF

Second Amended First and Final Account and Report of Administrator and Petition for Its Settlement, for Allowance of Statutory Fees to Attorney and Administrator, and for Final Distribution.

Ruling. Absent objections, this Petition will be granted without hearing.

PRO2102432 DUCK YO QUOSS, ESTATE OF

Petition for letters of administration.

<u>Ruling</u>. Absent objections, this Petition will be **granted without hearing**. Petitioner is ordered to comply with the following future dates:

- 1. Final Inventory and Appraisal.
 - a. A status hearing for the filing of the Final Inventory and Appraisal shall be set on August 28, 2025 at 10:00.
 - b. An appearance will be required on that date if the Final I&A is not filed at least 5 court days prior to hearing.
- 2. Status on Closing Estate.
 - a. <u>Either</u>: (1) a Petition for Final Distribution; <u>or</u> (2) a Report on Status of Administration shall be filed by April 30, 2026, as required by Prob. C §§ 12200 & 12201.
 - b. A status hearing re filing a Petition or Report shall be set on May 21, 2026 at 10:00.
 - i. If neither document has been timely filed, an appearance will be required.
 - ii. If the Petition or Report is timely filed, the hearing will be set on May 21, 2026 at 9:00.

PRO2201207 PAUL STORM, ESTATE OF

Petition for final distribution.

Ruling. Continued to May 22, 2025 at 9:00 for further review.

PRO2203072 ROBERT E. GREELEY, ESTATE OF

First accounting.

Ruling. Absent objections, this Petition will be granted without hearing.

PRO2203095 TSUNG-YUEN SHEN, ESTATE OF

Final discharge.

Ruling. Absent objections, this Petition will be granted without hearing.

PRO2300361 KENNETH GARY MASSA, ESTATE OF

Petition for final distribution.

Ruling. Continued to May 22, 2025 at 9:00 for further review.

PRO2300604 ARTHUR JAMES CHILBERG, ESTATE OF

First Amended Final Account and Report of Administrator and Petition for Its Settlement, for Allowance of Administrator's Commission and Attorney's Fees for Ordinary Services, and for Final Distribution.

Ruling. Absent objections, this Petition will be granted without hearing.

PRO2301317 IN THE MATTER OF KIN MING LAM, ESTATE OF

Petition regarding status of administration.

<u>Ruling</u>. Absent objections, the Report of Status of Administration is **accepted and approved**. Personal Representative is ordered to comply with the following future dates:

- 1. Status on Closing Estate.
 - a. <u>Either</u>: (1) a Petition for Final Distribution; <u>or</u> (2) a Report on Status of Administration shall be filed by October 23, 2025, as required by Prob. C §§ 12200 & 12201.
 - b. A status hearing re filing a Petition or Report shall be set on November 13, 2025 at 10:00.
 - i. If neither document has been timely filed, an appearance will be required.
 - ii. If the Petition or Report is timely filed, the hearing will be set on November 13, 2025 at 9:00.

PRO2301625 YUTAKA WADA, ESTATE OF

First and Final Account and Report of Administrator and Petition for Its Settlement, for Allowance of Administrator's Commission and Attorney's Fees for Ordinary Services, and for Final Distribution.

<u>Ruling</u>. Absent objections, the Report of Status of Administration is **accepted and approved**. Personal Representative is ordered to comply with the following future dates:

- Status on Closing Estate.
 - a. <u>Either</u>: (1) a Petition for Final Distribution; <u>or</u> (2) a Report on Status of Administration shall be filed by July 31, 2025, as required by Prob. C §§ 12200 & 12201.
 - b. A status hearing re filing a Petition or Report shall be set on August 21, 2025 at 10:00.
 - i. If neither document has been timely filed, an appearance will be required.
 - ii. If the Petition or Report is timely filed, the hearing will be set on August 21, 2025 at 9:00.

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PR0000617 IN THE MATTER OF GORDON JOHN HEDEMARK

Status regarding filing of final inventory and appraisal.

Ruling. Personal Representative is ordered to appear.

PR0000943 IN THE MATTER OF JOYCE E. BRITT

Status regarding filing of final inventory and appraisal.

Ruling. Off calendar – Final I&A has been filed.

PR0000948 IN THE MATTER OF CHRISTINE LYNN MCCORMICK

Status regarding filing of final inventory and appraisal.

Ruling. Off calendar – Final I&A has been filed.

PR0000958 IN THE MATTER OF JOSEPH FRANCIS ALLEN

Status regarding filing of final inventory and appraisal.

Ruling. Continued to July 24, 2025 at 10:00.

Judge James T. Chou Department C 1:30 Calendar

PR0001080 IN THE MATTER OF JOHN THOMAS MCKEEVER

Petition to appoint limited conservator of the person.

Ruling. The parties are ordered to appear.

PR0001214 IN THE MATTER OF EFFIE WESTERVELT

Petition to appoint temporary conservator of the person and estate

Ruling. The parties are ordered to appear.

PRO045029 LAURA KATHRYN SOLLID, CONSERVATORSHIP OF THE PERSON AND ESTATE

Status hearing on tenth accounting or explanation as to why not timely filed.

Ruling. Conservator and counsel are ordered to appear.

PRO2001689 THEODORE KRAUS, CONSERVATORSHIP OF THE PERSON AND ESTATE

First accounting and report of successor conservator.

<u>Ruling</u>. Absent objections, this Petition will be **granted without hearing**. Conservator is ordered to comply with the following future dates:

- 1. Conservator is to file the Second Account for the period 9/25/24 9/24/26 by December 3, 2026.
- 2. A hearing shall be set for January 14, 2027 at 1:30 for either.
 - a. Hearing on the Second Account; or
 - b. Explanation as to why it was not timely filed.

PRO2102438 ELKE ASPEN OSWEILER, GUARDIANSHIP OF THE ESTATE

Second accounting for period 01/01/23-12/31/24.

Ruling. Continued to May 15, 2025 at 1:30 for further review.

PRO2104179 JO ANN KERN, CONSERVATORSHIP OF THE PERSON AND ESTATE

Second accounting.

Ruling. Continued to May 15, 2025 at 1:30 for further review.

PRO32053 KIMBERLY MARIE HELMS, CONSERVATORSHIP OF ESTATE OF

Status if petition for next accounting filed timely; hearing on petition will be on 4/24/24 at 1:30 p.m.

Ruling. Conservator and counsel are ordered to appear.

PRO35684 EDWIN J. WALTER, II, CONSERVATORSHIP OF PERSON AND ESTATE

Seventeenth and final accounting.

Ruling. Continued to May 15, 2025 at 1:30 for further review.