

Tentative Rulings for May 8, 2025 Probate Calendar

Judge James T. Chou
Department C

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Judge James T. Chou
Department C
9:00 Calendar

PR0000249 IN THE MATTER OF SHIRLEY L. SWIHART

First and Final Account and Report of Executor and Petition for Settlement of Account, for Fees for Executor for Ordinary Services, for Fees for Executor's Attorney for Ordinary Services, for Authority to Hold a \$10,000.00 Reserve and for Final Distribution.

Ruling. **Continued to May 29, 2025 at 9:00 for further review.**

PR0000403 IN THE MATTER OF RUNA M. SCHWARTZ

Petition for Final Distribution on Waiver of Account and for Allowance of Statutory Compensation to Executor's Attorney.

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

PR0000405 IN THE MATTER OF DAWN A. GOODMAN

Petition for Final Distribution on Waiver of Account on First and Final Report of Administrator; for Waiver of Statutory Compensation to Administrator; for Allowance of Statutory Compensation to Attorney, for Reimbursement of Costs Advanced to Attorney; and, for Retention of Reserve.

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

PR0000514 IN THE MATTER OF STEPHEN R. DEROSE

Petition for Final Distribution on Waiver of Account, and for Allowance of Attorney Fee.

Ruling. Absent objections, this Petition will be **granted without hearing.** Because distribution will be made more than one year after Decedent's death, interest must be paid on the general pecuniary bequest to Grace Lauridsen (Prob. C. § 12003). **The Order will be revised accordingly.**

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PR0000577 IN THE MATTER OF TAYLOR COVERDALE

Petition for Court Order: (1) Invalidating the Catherine Coverdale Revocable Trust and Associated Pour Over Will Based on Undue Influence; etc.

Ruling. **Continued to June 26, 2025 at 9:00 A.M.** pursuant to Stipulated Order dated April 28, 2025.
Please note the time has been changed from 1:30 P.M. to 9:00 A.M.

PR0000738 IN THE MATTER OF PATRICK C. EGAN

First and Final Account and Report of Administrator and Petition for Settlement and Approval; for (1) Allowance of Statutory Attorney's Compensation, and (2) Final Distribution.

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

PR0000741 IN THE MATTER OF GEORGE F. GOERL

First and Final Account and Report of Executor; and Petition for Final Distribution; for Allowance of Compensation to Executor and Her Attorney for Ordinary Services; and for an Order of Final Distribution.

Ruling. **Continued to May 29, 2025 at 9:00 for further review.**

PR0000904 IN THE MATTER OF PETER STOVALL COOK LIVING TRUST DATED JANUARY 21, 1999 AS AMENDED AND RESTATED ON OCTOBER 21, 2021

Petition for Order Confirming Trust Assets.

Ruling: Peter Cook's portion of the property titled "Dorothy L. Cook, as Trustee of the Dorothy L. Cook Trust and Peter S. Cook, a married man" is **confirmed** as property of the Peter Stovall Cook Living Trust. The Court **dispenses with notice to Michelle Cook**.

PR0000949 IN THE MATTER OF BONNIE FRANK

Status conference and expiration of letters.

Ruling. **Off calendar.** The Spousal Property Order was signed on 4/24/25; the Letters of Special Administration expired on that same date.

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PR0000982 IN THE MATTER OF NANNAPAT THERDSTEERASUKDI SUPPLEMENTAL NEEDS TRUST

Petition for Authorization to Purchase a Vehicle, to Fund Home Modifications, and to Approve Attorney's Fees.

Ruling. **Off calendar** pursuant to Notice of Withdrawal filed 5/2/25.

PR0001121 IN THE MATTER OF NICOLE MADELINE NAGANT DE DEUXCHAISNES REVOCABLE TRUST

Petition for Instructions Regarding Proper Interpretation of Trust and Identification of Beneficiaries.

Ruling. **The parties are ordered to appear** to either set the matter for a contested hearing or for further ADR.

PR0001122 IN THE MATTER OF NICOLE MADELINE NAGANT DE DEUXCHAISNES TRUST

- 1) First Account and Report of Trustee.
- 2) Petition for Court Order: (1) for Instructions Regarding the Trust; etc.

Ruling. **The parties are ordered to appear.**

PR0001147 IN THE MATTER OF KATHRYN M. SHAFFER

Spousal Property Petition.

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

PR0001157 IN THE MATTER OF VICTORIA P. LAMBAYAN

Petition for Order Confirming Asset of Trust Under Cal. Rob. Code § 850.

Ruling. **Continued to June 12, 2025 at 9:00.** Petitioner is ordered to file the following at least 5 court days prior to hearing:

1. Copy of trust (Exhibit A is missing)
2. Copy of financial statements confirming that the accounts at issue were owned by Trustor as of the date of execution of the Trust (9/5/24).
3. Supplement to Petition listing names and addresses for all heirs-at-law of Trustor.
4. Proof of Service confirming that all parties named in the Supplement received proper notice. Note that any heirs-at-law who are not beneficiaries of the Trust must receive notice in the manner set forth by CCP § 413.10, et seq. (Prob. C. § 17203(b)).

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PR0001160 IN THE MATTER OF SUSAN BERSTON

Petition for Order Confirming Title to Real Property.

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

PR0001161 IN THE MATTER OF ROBERT AND ANNE PETERSEN 2002 LIVING TRUST DATED MAY 23, 2002

Petition for Order Determining Title to Real Property.

Ruling. **Continued to May 29, 2025 at 9:00 for further review.**

PR0001179 IN THE MATTER OF ARTHUR CHARLES CHAMBERS

Spousal Property Petition.

Ruling. **Continued to May 29, 2025 at 9:00 for further review.**

PR0001180 IN THE MATTER OF NIELS C. VON DOEPP

Petition for Order Confirming Trust Assets.

Ruling. **Continued to May 29, 2025 at 9:00 for further review.**

PR0001184 IN THE MATTER OF JEROME DOUGLAS EGGERS

Petition for letters of administration.

Ruling. 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 September 11, 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. Either: (1) a Petition for Final Distribution; or (2) a Report on Status of Administration shall be filed by May 14, 2026, as required by Prob. C §§ 12200 & 12201.
 - b. A status hearing re filing a Petition or Report shall be set on June 4, 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 June 4, 2026 at 9:00.

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PR0001187 IN THE MATTER OF JOHN HOLLISTER WHEELWRIGHT

Petition for letters testamentary.

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

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PR0001231 IN THE MATTER OF SHARON J. JOHNSON

Petition for letters of administration.

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

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PR0001232 IN THE MATTER OF PATRICIA ANN ANGLE

Petition for letters of administration.

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**PR0001233 IN THE MATTER OF KATHERINE LYNN FEATHERS AKA KATHERINE RIGALI FEATHERS
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Petition for letters of administration.

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

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PR0001235 IN THE MATTER OF PATRICIA RAISER

Petition for Probate of Lost Will and for Letters Testamentary.

Ruling. Continued to June 5, 2025 at 9:00. Petitioner is ordered to file the following no later than 5 court days prior to the hearing:

1. Legible and complete Petition – the Petition filed on 4/9/25 is illegible in places and page 2 is missing.
 - a. After a cursory review, the Court notes that the following information is missing:
 - i. Was Decedent survived by a registered domestic partner?
 - ii. Was Decedent survived by issue of a predeceased child?
 - iii. If no to both of the above, declaration of due diligence to identify heirs.
 - iv. Copy of lost will
 - v. Attachment 3f(3).
2. Proof of Publication
3. POS confirming proper notice to any party named in response to Issue 1 above.

PR0001241 IN THE MATTER OF MARION B. MCSHANE

Petition for letters testamentary.

Ruling. Continued to June 5, 2025 at 9:00. Petitioner is ordered to file the following no later than 5 court days prior to the hearing:

1. Supplement to Petition that provides the following information:
 - a. Additional information with regard to the relationships of Decedent's heirs. Ex: John Doe, son of Decedent's predeceased sister, Jane Doe.
 - b. Declaration re diligent search for the addresses of Christina and Nina that includes all information required by CRC 7.52.

PRO092394 IN RE THE QUINTERO SPENDTHRIFT TRUST, TRUST OF

- 1) Protective orders.
- 2) Informal settlement discussion.

Ruling. The parties are ordered to appear.

PRO1204780 SAM ROSS AND MARGOT ROSS TRUST

Fifth and Final Account and Report of Successor Trustee and Petition for Settlement; etc.

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

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PRO1702677 IN RE CHARLES MOSELEY DANT 1993 TRUST, TRUST OF

Fourth accounting; petition for settlement; for allowance of attorney fees; and for decrease in bond.

Ruling. Continued to June 5, 2025 at 9:00 for further review.

PRO1702678 IN RE THE CHARLES MOSELEY DANT LIVING TRUST, TRUST OF

Fourth accounting; petition for settlement and approval; attorney fees; and increase in bond.

Ruling. Continued to June 5, 2025 at 9:00 for further review.

PRO2000171 IN RE THE JOYE HOLDINGS TRUST, TRUST OF

Motion to dismiss.

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

PRO2000452 IN RE THE ANDREOLI FAMILY TRUST, TRUST OF

Petition to compel production of trust records; for removal of trustee; for surcharge damages, etc.

Ruling. Continued to June 5, 2025, at 9:00 for further setting. Any responses to the Objection to Petition filed 5/2/25 must be filed in writing by no later than May 23, 2025 or they will be deemed waived.

PRO2201694 NEIL JON BLOOMFIELD, ESTATE OF

Status conference.

Ruling. The parties are ordered to appear.

PRO2300998 IN RE THE MORTON H. GOTHELF TRUST DATED MAY 22, 2000, TRUST OF

Motion for discovery; discovery facilitator program.

Ruling. The parties are ordered to appear.

PRO2301116 ROBERT KINGSLEY MALOY, ESTATE OF

Final distribution.

Ruling. The parties are ordered to appear.

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PRO2301818 ROGER JOHN CADLONI, ESTATE OF

1. Petition for final distribution.
2. Order - Show Cause - Failure to File - Petition/Report, failure to appear on 04/10/25, and why counsel should not be sanctioned for each failure

Ruling. **Continued to June 19, 2025 at 9:00**, to be heard after the 6/12/25 hearing on the Petition for Appointment of Guardian of the Estate for the minor beneficiaries of this Estate.

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Judge James T. Chou
Department C
10:00 Calendar

PR000038 IN THE MATTER OF BRADFORD E. THOMSON

Status report of administration or petition for final distribution.

Ruling. **Appearance is required.**

PR0000371 IN THE MATTER OF HARRIET BABCOCK BROWN

- 1) Status report of administration or petition for final distribution.
- 2) Order to show cause regarding failure to file report/petition; failure to appear on 04/10/25; and why Ms. Embry should not be suspended.

Ruling. **Appearance is required.**

PR0000881 IN THE MATTER OF PATRICIA LYON MILLS

- 1) Status regarding filing of final inventory and appraisal.
- 2) Order to show cause regarding failure to file final inventory and appraisal; failure to appear on 04/10/2025; and why counsel should not be sanctioned for the failures.

Ruling. **Appearance is required.**

PR0000890 IN THE MATTER OF THOMAS BOURNE

- 1) Status regarding filing of final inventory and appraisal.
- 2) Order to show cause regarding failure to file final inventory and appraisal; failure to appear on 04/10/25; and why counsel should not be sanctioned for each failure.

Ruling. **Appearance is required with regard to the OSC; the Court notes that the Final I&A has been filed.**

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Judge James T. Chou
Department C
1:30 Calendar

PR000002 IN THE MATTER OF PAUL KRAUS

Amended First Account and Report of Conservator of Estate and Petition for Settlement of Account.

Ruling. **Continued to May 22, 2025 at 1:30 for further review.**

PR0000177 IN THE MATTER OF LIAM MULLIGAN AVA MULLIGAN

Status regarding first accounting for period ending 1/17/25 or explanation as to why it was not timely filed.

Ruling. **Appearance is required.**

PR0000764 IN THE MATTER OF NANCY B. CONE

Order to show cause for the failure to appear on 03/20/25 and 04/17/25.

Ruling. **Appearance is required.**

PR0000794 IN THE MATTER OF RODOLFO YEPEZ

Status regarding filing the determination of conservatee's appropriate level of care.

Ruling. **Off calendar** – required documents have been filed.

PR0000833 IN THE MATTER OF DANA SPARROW

- 1) Status regarding receipt of capacity declaration and relieving public defender.
- 2) Petition to appoint limited conservator for person and estate.

Ruling. **Appearance is required.**

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PRO020012 THOMAS GIFFORD, LIMITED CONSERVATORSHIP OF THE PERSON AND ESTATE

Status regarding receipt of medical recommendation for CPAP machine.

Ruling. **Appearance is required.**

PRO1604063 JEANETTE KENNEDY VOSTI, CONSERVATORSHIP OF THE PERSON AND ESTATE

Attorney's fees and costs and for termination of conservatorship.

Ruling. **Continued to May 22, 2025 at 1:30 for further review.**

PRO1901309 ELIZABETH ANNE BEISENSTEIN, CONSERVATORSHIP OF THE PERSON AND ESTATE

Petition for consent for medical treatment.

Ruling. **The parties are ordered to appear.**

Judge Kelly V. Simmons
Department J
1:30 Calendar

PRO1903456 NANCY ELLEN TERRY, CONSERVATORSHIP OF THE ESTATE

Petition regarding consent for medical treatment.

Ruling. The parties are ordered to appear.
