Tentative Rulings for October 23, 2025, Probate Calendar

Judge James T. Chou Department C

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Judge James T. Chou Department C 9:00 Calendar

PR0000419 IN THE MATTER OF JEAN CALVERT BAIRD

First and Final Report of Administrator on Waiver of Account and Petition for Allowance of Statutory Compensation to Attorney for Administrator and for Final Distribution, filed by Rand L. Calvert on 8/13/25.

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

PR0000425 IN THE MATTER OF CARL RUDOLF ZINGLER

First and Final Account and Report of Administrator and Petition for Its Settlement; for Allowance of Administrator's compensation for Ordinary Services, for Additional Compensation Under Probate Code § 7623, for Extraordinary Fees Under Probate Code § 10801, for Attorney's Fees for Ordinary Services; and for Final Distribution, filed by Marin County Public Administrator on 6/5/25.

Ruling. The matter is **continued to December 11, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.** pursuant to Petitioner's Status Report filed on October 16, 2025.

PR0000491 IN THE MATTER OF ROBERT BRADLEY BRAZELL

First and Final Report of Administrator on Waivers of Account, and Petition for Final Distribution, for Allowance of Compensation to Administrator for Statutory Services, for Allowance of Attorneys' Fees for Statutory Services, and for Reserve for Closing Expenses, filed by Sarah Brazell on 7/29/25.

Ruling. Absent objections, this Petition will be granted without hearing with the following modifications:

- 1. Because distribution will be made more than one year after Decedent's death, interest must be paid on the general pecuniary bequest to Robert Duane Brazell (Prob. Code, § 12003).
- 2. The amount of interest paid shall be deducted from the reserve for closing expenses.

PR0000530 IN THE MATTER OF JOHN DONALD LAMOND

Waiver of Account and Report of Administrator, Petition for Allowance of Statutory Fees to Personal Representative and Attorney and for Final Distribution, filed by Tracy A. Lamond on 8/18/25.

Ruling. Absent objections, this Petition will be **granted without hearing with the following modification:** the statutory attorney fee is **\$23,004.50** based on the statutory fee base of \$1,000,449.63. (Prob. Code, § 10810(a).)

PR0000823 IN THE MATTER OF NORMA B CONNOR

Third Report of Status of Filing of a Petition for Final Distribution and Request for Extension of Time to File the Petition for Final Distribution, filed by Douglas Connor on 10/16/25.

<u>Ruling</u>. The matter is **continued to November 20, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.** The Report of Status of Administration was not timely filed and requires additional time for proper notice. **Petitioner is ordered to:**

- 1. Mail notice to all interested parties using the mandatory Judicial Council Form "Notice of Hearing Decedent's Estate or Trust" with the box checked in Item 1 stating this is a report of status of administration. (Judicial Council Forms, form DE-120.)
- 2. File a copy of the DE-120 that was mailed, with the Proof of Service completed on page 2 showing that all interested parties received at least fifteen days' notice of the Report of Status of Administration. (Prob. C. § 12201(b).) The Proof of Service must be filed at least five court days prior to hearing. (Super. Ct. Marin County, Local Rules, rule 6.2(b), Filing, Hearing, and Continuance Procedures.)

PR0000972 IN THE MATTER OF DAVID SOLOMON MEHDY

First and Final Account and Report of Administrator with Will Annexed and Petition for Settlement Thereof, for (1) Allowance of Statutory Administrator and Attorney's Compensation and Reimbursement of Costs, and (2) Final Distribution, filed by Miriam Attias on 8/20/25.

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

PR0001015 IN THE MATTER OF MARTHA C. BROWN

First and Final Account and Report of Co-Executors, Petition for Its Settlement, for Allowance of Attorney's Fees for Ordinary Services and Reimbursement of Costs Advanced to Attorney and Petition for Final Distribution, filed by Barton A. Brown, Jr. and Pamela E. Brown on 7/29/25.

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

PR0001056 IN THE MATTER OF FABIO ANGIULI CORTARA

First Amended Motion to Consolidate Actions, filed by Salvatore Cortara on 10/10/25.

Ruling. The parties are ordered to appear.

PR0001073 IN THE MATTER OF LEE DIANE LITTLE

First and Final Account and Report of Administrator and Petition for: (1) Settlement Thereof; (2) Statutory Administrator's and Attorneys' Fees; (3) Extraordinary Administrator's Commissions; (4) Reimbursement of Costs; (5) Authority to Hold Reserve; and Final Distribution, filed by Kenneth L. Schwartz on 7/8/25.

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

PR0001089 IN THE MATTER OF MAUREEN BRIGID CASSIDY

Petition for Final Distribution on Waiver of Account, filed by Ann Marie Yavorsky on 7/16/25.

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

PR0001111 IN THE MATTER OF JOHN ANTHONY BERRY

First and Final Report of Executory and Petition for Settlement and Approval; for (1) Allowance of Statutory Attorney's Compensation, and (2) Final Distribution on Waiver of Account, filed by Janet Berry on 7/22/25.

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

PR0001114 IN THE MATTER OF KATHLEEN STARR VAGT AS TRUSTEE OF THE KEITH E. BAYNE REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST

First Amended Petition to Validate Petitioner's Rights & Associated Claims: (1) to Determine Petitioners' Rights Under the First Amendment to the Natalie C. Daneri Revocable Family Trust, Second Restatement of Trust; (2) Wrongful Eviction; (3) Elder Abuse; (4) Willful Violations of Calif. Labor Code; (5) Breach of Fiduciary Duty, Constructive Fraud; and (7) Quantum Meruit & Unjust Enrichment, filed by Kathleen Starr Vagt on 4/4/25.

Ruling. The parties are ordered to appear.

PR0001126 IN THE MATTER OF ROSEMARY KAY KLEBAHN

Petition for an Order for Final Distribution, and First and Final Account of Executor and Petition for Its Settlement, and for Allowance of Compensation to Attorney for Ordinary Services and Reimbursement of Costs, and Waiver of Executor's Compensation, filed by Hugh W. Klebahn on 8/13/25.

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

PR0001145 IN THE MATTER OF GIANCARLO SOTIL

Petition for First and Final Report of Administrator on Waiver of Account and for Final Distribution, filed by Kathia Colon on 8/21/25.

Ruling. The matter is continued to November 13, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. Petitioner is ordered to file the following no later than five court days prior to hearing:

- 1. Waivers of Account referenced in the Petition, executed by Gigi Sotil and Luciana Sotil; and
- Proof of Service showing that all interested parties received at least fifteen days' notice of the on the mandatory form "Notice of Hearing – Decedent's Estate or Trust" (DE-120); Prob. Code, §§ 11601, 1250.)

PR0001210 IN THE MATTER OF THE JOHN H. CHASE

Petition for Termination of Proceedings and Discharge of Personal Representative, filed by Cameron Chase Brugler on 8/22/25.

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

PR0001218 IN THE MATTER OF JOHN J. MCALOON, JR., TRUST

Petition for Orders: (1) to Convey the Proceeds of Edward Jones Account 672-14974 to the Trust; (2) for Double Damages; (3) for Damages for Breaches of Trust; (4) to Reform IRA Beneficiary Designations; (5) to Impose a Constructive Trust; (6) for Financial Elder Abuse; and (7) for Attorneys Fees and Costs, filed by Pamela Thompson on 3/28/25.

Ruling. The parties are ordered to appear to address the issue of venue and for further setting.

PR0001373 IN THE MATTER OF THE 2008 AMENDED AND RESTATED ALFRED AND ALEXIS SETTING TRUST

Petition for Order for Accounting, Removal of Trustee, Distribution and Redress of Breach of Trust, filed by Randall Allan Setting on 6/24/25.

Ruling. The parties are ordered to appear.

PR0001381 IN THE MATTER OF JANE A. SCOTT IRREVOCABLE TRUST

Petition for Order Appointing Successor Co-Trustees and to Change Venue, filed by Robert Gentry on 7/15/25.

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

PR0001394 IN THE MATTER OF DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, A CALIFORNIA NON-PROFIT BENEFIT CORPORATION

Petition to Modify Gift Instrument, filed by Dominican University of California on 7/23/25.

Ruling. The parties are ordered to appear.

PR0001402 IN THE MATTER OF THE ETCHEBER FAMILY TRUST DATED APRIL 11, 1996

Petition for Order Confirming Savings Account as Trust Asset, filed by Alfred Etcheber on 8/5/25.

<u>Ruling</u>. The parties are ordered to appear to discuss whether Trustor owned the savings account at issue <u>as of the date of execution of the Trust</u> (4/1/96) <u>or</u> the assets in the account are traceable to assets owned by Trustor as of the date of execution of the Trust; if not, to provide additional facts and legal authority for confirming the account as an asset of the Trust.

PR0001409 IN THE MATTER OF KING ARTHUR HARRINGTON, JR.

Petition for Probate of Will and for Letters of Administration with Will Annexed, filed by Susan L. Gambrioli on 8/20/25.

<u>Ruling</u>. The matter is **continued to November 20, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.** Petitioner is ordered to comply with the Court's September 25, 2025 order and file the following no later than five court days prior to the hearing:

- 1. Supplement to Petition, signed and verified by Petitioner, that provides more information with regard to the relationships of Decedent's heirs. Ex: John Doe, son of Decedent's predeceased sister, Jane Doe.
- 2. Proof of Service showing that all interested parties received at least fifteen days' notice of the Petition on the mandatory form "Notice of Petition to Administer Estate." (Judicial Council Forms, form DE-121; Prob. Code, § 8110.)

PR0001410 IN THE MATTER OF NANCY ELIZABETH SHAVICK

Amended Petition for Letters of Administration, filed by Marin County Public Administrator on 9/10/25.

<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 March 5, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. (Prob. Code, § 8800.)
 - b. An appearance will be required on that date if the Final Inventory and Appraisal is not filed at least five court days prior to hearing. (Super. Ct. Marin County, Local Rules, rule 6.2(b), Filing, Hearing, and Continuance Procedures.)
- 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 October 29, 2026, as required by Probate Code sections 12200 and 12201.
 - b. A status hearing re filing the Petition or Report shall be set on November 19, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.
 - 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 December 3, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

PR0001419 IN THE MATTER OF GREGORY LEE MCLAIN

Petition to Determine Succession to Primary Residence, filed by Gregory Bryant McLain on 8/21/25.

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

PR0001460 IN THE MATTER OF MARILYN JEAN MANOLIO

Petition for Probate of Will and for Letters Testamentary, filed by Jeffrey T. Wong on 9/24/25.

<u>Ruling</u>. The matter is **continued to November 20, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.** Petitioner is ordered to file the following no later than five court days prior to the hearing:

- 1. Supplement to Petition, signed and verified by Petitioner, that provides more information with regard to Decedent's heirs. Was Decedent survived by anyone in the categories set forth in Item 6 or 7 of the Petition? If not, please describe the due diligence undertaken to make this determination.
- 2. If any heirs are named pursuant to Issue 1 above, file Proof of Service showing that all interested parties received at least fifteen days' notice of the Petition on the mandatory form "Notice of Petition to Administer Estate." (Judicial Council Forms, form DE-121; Prob. Code, § 8110.)

PR0001461 IN THE MATTER OF MARGRET PRAST SYMONS

Petition for Probate of Will and for Letters Testamentary, filed by Kim Symons on 9/22/25.

<u>Ruling</u>. The matter is **continued to November 20, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.** Petitioner is ordered to file the following no later than five court days prior to the hearing:

- 1. Supplement to Petition, signed and verified by Petitioner, that provides more information with regard to Decedent's heirs. Was Decedent survived by anyone in the categories set forth in Item 6 of the Petition? If not, please describe the due diligence undertaken to make this determination. Beat Flach is described as the son of Decedent's deceased husband's brother; Petitioner alleges that Decedent had no predeceased spouse in Item 7. Please provide the date of death of Decedent's husband; and provide the information required by Item 7b if husband did predecease the Decedent.
- 2. If any heirs are named pursuant to Issue 1 above, file Proof of Service showing that all interested parties received at least fifteen days' notice of the Petition on the mandatory form "Notice of Petition to Administer Estate." (Judicial Council Forms, form DE-121; Prob. Code, § 8110.)

PR0001462 IN THE MATTER OF DAVID S. MARTIN

Petition for Letters of Administration, filed by Nancy S. Martin on 9/23/25.

<u>Ruling</u>. The matter is **continued to November 20, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.** Petitioner is ordered to file the Proof of Publication no later than five court days prior to the hearing.

PRO1900281 ANTHONY JOHN YORK, ESTATE OF

Petition for Final Distribution; Sixth and Final Report of Executor on Waiver of Account; and Petition for Allowance of Statutory Attorneys' Compensation and Reimbursement of Costs Advanced, filed by John C. York, II on 8/26/25.

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

PRO1903475 ELEANOR L. HOSKINS, ESTATE OF

First and Final Report of Executor on Waiver of Account and Petition for Final Distribution, filed by Horace C. Hoskins on 7/18/25.

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

PRO2001267 PARRISH ALLEN, ESTATE OF

Third and Final Report of Administration of Executor Joanne Shaefer and Petition for Its Settlement, and Petition for Final Distribution, for Allowance of Compensation to Executor and Attorney for Ordinary Services, filed by Joanne Shaefer on 6/30/25.

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

PRO2003455 IN RE THE PATRICIA CORNELL TRUST DATED NOVEMBER 16, 19963, TRUST OF

Motion to Expunge Lis Pendens Recorded Against 6 Madrona Street, San Rafael, California, filed by Ann Cornell on 6/4/25.

Ruling. The parties are ordered to appear.

PRO2102188 IN RE THE GLEN FISCHER 2011 SPECIAL NEEDS TRUST DATED OCTOBER 4, 2011

Sixth and Final Account and Report of Trustee, and Petition for Settlement Thereof, for Allowance of Trustee's and Attorney's Fees and Costs, filed by Kim Schwarcz on 8/8/25.

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

PRO2200267 IN THE MATTER OF THE ANDERSON FAMILY TRUST

- 1. Status Conference.
- 2. Petition for Approval of Partial Settlement Between Petitioner Brenda Anderson and Respondent Thomas Anderson, filed by Brenda Anderson on 10/14/25.
- 3. Motion for Attorney's Fees and Costs, filed by Brenda Anderson on 9/9/25.
- 4. Motion for Surcharge Against Respondent Diana Anderson, filed by Brenda Anderson on 8/7/25.

<u>Ruling.</u> Absent objections, the Petition for Approval of Partial Settlement will be **granted without hearing.** The remaining matters are **continued to November 20, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.** Petitioner's Counsel is **ordered to file** a full record of attorney fees including all hours billed and categorized by work performed, all invoices for retained experts, and proof of all amounts claimed.

PRO2201199 IN RE: THE KONKOFF LIVING TRUST DATED JANUARY 21, 1988 TRUST OF

Second Amended Motion to Enforce Settlement Agreement, Expunge Lis Pendens, Award Attorney Fees, and Extend Performance Deadline, filed by Lisa S. Vasiloff and Stephen Konkoff on 9/15/25.

Ruling. The parties are ordered to appear.

PRO2201292 LINDA KAY ADAMS, ESTATE OF

Petition for Final Distribution on Waiver of Account and for Allowance of Administrator Fee and Attorney Fee, filed by Myke Elise Judd and Valerie Specht on 10/2/25.

Ruling. The matter is continued to November 13, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. Petitioner is ordered to file the following no later than five court days prior to hearing:

1. Proof of Service showing that all interested parties received at least fifteen days' notice on the mandatory form "Notice of Hearing – Decedent's Estate or Trust" (DE-120).

PRO2201977 ESTATE OF CHARLES MALCOLM STEWART

Fifth Status Report of Administration and Petition for Continuation of Administration of Estate, filed by Douglas Kohler Stewart on 10/2/25.

<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 of Status of Administration shall be filed by **January 15**, **2026**, as required by Probate Code sections 12200-12201.
 - b. A status hearing re filing the Petition or Report shall be set on **February 5, 2026**, at 10:00 a.m.
 - 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 **February 5**, **2026**, at 9:00 a.m.

PRO2204029 ESTATE OF LLOYD QUONG WONG

First and Final Account and Report of Administrator and Petition for Its Settlement; for Allowance of Administrator's Compensation for Ordinary Services, for Additional Compensation Under Probate Code § 7623, for Extraordinary Fees Under Probate Code § 10801, for Attorney's Fees for Ordinary Services; and for Final Distribution, filed by Marin County Public Administration on 10/2/25.

Ruling. The matter is continued to November 13, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. Petitioner is ordered to file the following no later than five court days prior to hearing:

1. Supplement to Petition that addresses the Creditor Claim filed on 10/9/25.

PRO32393 KANE SHELTON, LPS CONSERVATORSHIP OF PERSON OF

Amended Petition for Approval of Trust Amendment and for Authorization to Amend or Terminate the Trust if Necessary to Protect Beneficiary's Public Benefits, filed by Marin County Public Administrator on 8/14/25.

Ruling. The matter is continued to December 4, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. Petitioner is ordered to:

- 1. Mail notice of the **Amended Petition** to all interested parties using the mandatory Judicial Council Form "Notice of Hearing Decedent's Estate or Trust". (Judicial Council Forms, form DE-120.)
- 2. File a copy of the DE-120 that was mailed, with the Proof of Service completed on page 2 showing that all interested parties received at least thirty days' notice of the **Amended Petition**. The Proof of Service must be filed at least five court days prior to hearing. (Super. Ct. Marin County, Local Rules, rule 6.2(b), Filing, Hearing, and Continuance Procedures.)

Judge James T. Chou Department C 10:00 Calendar

PR0000792 IN THE MATTER OF EDWARD L. MORGAN

Status Conference – Filing Petition for Final Distribution or Report of Status of Administration.

Ruling. Personal representative and counsel are ordered to appear.

PR0000818 IN THE MATTER OF GEORGE CEDELL HARMON

Status Conference – Filing Petition for Final Distribution or Report of Status of Administration.

Ruling. Personal representative and counsel are ordered to appear.

PR0000924 IN THE MATTER OF JOSEPHE H. HOFFMANN

Status Conference – Filing of Final Inventory and Appraisal.

Ruling. The matter is ordered off calendar; the Final Inventory and Appraisal has been filed.

PR0001000 IN THE MATTER OF ALISON ANNE VON LACKUM

Status Conference - Filing of Final Inventory and Appraisal.

Ruling. Personal representative and counsel are ordered to appear.

PRO001233 IN THE MATTER OF KATHERINE LYNN FEATHER AKA KATHERINE RIGALI FEATHERS AKA KATHERINE R. FEATHERS

Status Conference - Filing of Final Inventory and Appraisal.

Ruling. The matter is ordered off calendar; the Final Inventory and Appraisal has been filed.

PR0001243 IN THE MATTER OF MOHAMAD KHOSROWPANAH

- 1) Status Conference Filing of Final Inventory and Appraisal.
- 2) Order Show Cause Other

Ruling. The matter is ordered off calendar; the Final Inventory and Appraisal has been filed.

Judge James T. Chou Department C 1:30 Calendar

PR0000075 IN THE MATTER OF SCOUT LEE

- 1. Status Conference Filing of Final Inventory and Appraisal.
- 2. Status Conference Criminal proceeding in San Francisco.
- 3. Status Conference Filing of First Account.

Ruling. The parties are ordered to appear.

PR0001018 IN THE MATTER OF SHEILA PETERSON

Petition for Order Authorizing Payment of Fees to the Conservator of the Estate, filed by Marin County Public Guardian on 8/7/25.

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

PR0001144 IN THE MATTER OF MAXWELL ASTON CADLONI AND ALEXANDER BENTLEY CADLONI

Status Conference – Filing of Final Inventory and Appraisal

Ruling. The parties are ordered to appear.

PR0001396 IN THE MATTER OF SURRAYA WARD

Petition for Appointment of Guardian of the Person, filed by Britney Paige McCaulie on 7/29/25.

Ruling. The parties are ordered to appear.