

**Tentative Rulings for March 19, 2026, Probate Calendar**

Judge James T. Chou  
Department C

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Judge James T. Chou  
Department C  
9:00 Calendar

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**PR000038     IN THE MATTER OF BRADFORD E. THOMASON**

Petition for Probate of Will and for Letters Testamentary, filed by Lesley L. Bautista on 9/29/25.

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

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**PR000687     IN THE MATTER OF THE TRUST FBO ETTA ALLEN ESTABLISHED UNDER THE WILL OF  
                  JAMES H. ALLEN**

Motion to Seal Declaration and Medical Letter, filed by ??? on 12/16/25

Ruling. Absent objections, this motion to seal will be **granted without hearing.**

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**PR000948     IN THE MATTER OF CHRISTINE LYNN MCCORMICK**

First and Final Account of Executor and Petition for Its Settlement, and Petition for Final Distribution, for Allowance of Compensation to Executor and to Attorneys for Ordinary Services and Expenses and for Distribution, filed by Elizabeth Jane McCormick on 1/30/26.

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

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**PR001159     IN THE MATTER OF MARILYN IRENE LAUBSCHER**

Waiver of Accounting and Petition for Approval of Statutory Executor's Commissions, Statutory Attorney Fees, and for Final Distribution, filed by Kristen Joy Laubscher on 1/30/26.

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

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**PR0001242     IN THE MATTER OF ROBERT WILLIAM WIDINSKI**

First and Final Report of Executor on Waiver of Account and Petition for Allowance of Statutory Compensation to Attorneys, for Reimbursement to Attorneys for Costs Advanced, and for Final Distribution, filed by Carol Oakes-Widinski on 1/2/26.

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

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**PR0001254     IN THE MATTER OF SOPHIA RAE ABRAMOVITZ**

Petition for Order for Preliminary Distribution and Waiver of Account, filed by Paul Rottenberg on 12/22/25.

Ruling. This matter is **continued to April 30, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.** Decedent executed a California Statutory Will (“Will”) on January 24, 2025. (Attachment 3f(2) to Petition for Probate.) In Item 2 of this Will, Decedent makes a specific gift of her personal residence to Petitioner Paul Rottenberg. Decedent failed to make any other bequests in her Will.

As stated in Item 5 of the Will, aside from the bequest of Decedent’s personal residence, “the court will distribute [Decedent’s] assets as if [Decedent] did not make a Will.” (Prob. Code, § 6400.) According to the Petition for Probate, it appears that Decedent’s heirs are her two brothers, Irwin Abramovitz and Louis Abramovitz. (Prob. Code, § 6402, subd. (c).)

**Petitioner is ordered to file the following at least five court days prior to hearing:**

1. A Supplement to Petition, signed and verified by Petitioner, providing:
  - a. The names and addresses of Decedent’s heirs-at-law;
  - b. Any argument that Petitioner is the beneficiary of all of Decedent’s assets, with legal authority.
2. Proof of Service showing that all parties named in response to Issue 1 received at least fifteen days’ notice of the Petition and the Supplement on the mandatory Judicial Council Form “Notice of Hearing – Decedent’s Estate or Trust”. (Judicial Council Forms, form DE-120.)

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**PR0001303     IN THE MATTER OF GREGORY CONROY INGRASSIA**

First and Final Report of Administrator on Waiver of Account, and Petition for Allowance of Compensation to Attorney for Ordinary Fees, for Reimbursement of Costs and for Final Distribution, filed by Phung Vuong on 12/15/25.

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

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**PR0001314     IN THE MATTER OF GREGORY L. GABEL**

Petition for Final Distribution, Waiver of Account, and for Allowance of Statutory Fees, filed by Matthew G. Gabel on 12/15/25.

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

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**PR0001346     IN THE MATTER OF LARSEN FAMILY TRUST**

Status Conference – Special Trustee’s Report.

Ruling. Pursuant to the request of the Special Trustee, this matter is **continued to April 16, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.** for receipt of the Special Trustee’s Report.

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**PR0001438     IN THE MATTER OF FREDERICK M. PISTILLI AND RODNEY M. PISTILLI REVOCABLE TRUST**

Petition for Order Approving Modification of Trust Terms and Authorizing Transfer of Trust from Another Jurisdiction Under Probate Code Section 15403, filed by Frederick M. Pistilli on 9/8/25.

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

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**PR0001503     IN THE MATTER OF VINCENT PEBBLES**

Petition for Instructions, filed by Vincent C. Pebbles on 9/25/25.

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

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**PR0001527     IN THE MATTER OF GODDARD REVOCABLE TRUST**

Petition for Order Authorizing and Directing Transfer of Property to Trustee of Trust, filed by Yvonne Anixter Goddard, Renee Louise Goddard, and Marc Allen Goddard on 10/27/26.

Ruling. In light of the declarations submitted on 2/26/26 and 3/2/26, absent objections, this Petition will be **granted without hearing.**

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**PR0001577     IN THE MATTER OF THE MARGARET HANLEY 1995 TRUST DATED JUNE 19, 1995, AS AMENDED AND RESTATED**

Petition for Order Confirming Trust Asset, filed by Michael Mueller on 12/3/25.

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

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**PR0001582     IN THE MATTER OF DIANA MORELL**

Petition for Probate of Will and for Letters Testamentary, filed by Juliette Boyd and Gerry Bisson on 12/10/25.

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 **July 23, 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. Either: (1) a Petition for Final Distribution; or (2) a Report on Status of Administration shall be filed by **March 25, 2027**, as required by Probate Code sections 12200 and 12201.
  - b. A status hearing re filing the Petition or Report shall be set on **April 15, 2027**, 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 April 15, 2027, at 9:00 a.m.

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**PR0001591     IN THE MATTER OF JOSEPH G. FLOUTY AND ELISA SALMI FLOUTY REVOCABLE TRUST**

Petition Pursuant to Probate Code § 17200, to Wit; (1) to Determine Construction of Trust; (2) Correct Transfers to Trust, filed by Fabio Flouty on 12/12/25.

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

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**PR0001592     IN THE MATTER OF AMBER TYRONE TRUST UNDER THE MARCO A. VIDAL CHARITABLE LEAD TRUST DATED JULY 6, 2000**

Petition to Approve First and Final Accounting, Approve Acts of Trustee, Confirm Resignation, and for Appointment of Successor Trustee, filed by Bank of Marin on 12/12/25.

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

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**PR0001594     IN THE MATTER OF THE NAGASHIMA FAMILY REVOCABLE TRUST**

Petition to Contest and Invalidate Handwritten Document Dated December 29, 2024 Based on Undue Influence and/or Lack of Capacity, filed by Catharine Nagashima, by and through her agent under a limited power of attorney, Mari Nishi, Yutaka Nagashima, Gen Nagashima, Rebecca Rawson, Kendra Sutich, Kameron Mengel, and Jessica Benton on 12/12/25.

**Ruling.** This Petition to Contest and Invalidate Handwritten Document and the Petition for Instructions set for hearing on April 9, 2026 are **both continued to April 16, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.**

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**PR0001595     IN THE MATTER OF JOHN TIMOTHY MOXIE**

Verified Petition to Confirm Existence and Terms of Lost Trust; for Order Confirming Trustee Authority; and for Order Confirming Trust Asset, filed by John Timothy Moxie on 12/15/25.

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

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**PR0001610     IN THE MATTER OF JEFFREY ANKER**

Petition for Probate of Will and for Letters Testamentary, filed by Deborah Cohen on 1/9/26.

**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 **July 23, 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.
  - c. Either: (1) a Petition for Final Distribution; or (2) a Report on Status of Administration shall be filed by **March 25, 2027**, as required by Probate Code sections 12200 and 12201.
  - d. A status hearing re filing the Petition or Report shall be set on **April 15, 2027**, at 10:00 a.m.
    - i. If neither document has been timely filed, an appearance will be required.
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**PR0001626     IN THE MATTER OF RITA JAULUS**

Petition for Probate of Will and for Letters Testamentary, filed by Sunni Lee Stecher on 1/20/26.

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 **July 23, 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.
  - e. Either: (1) a Petition for Final Distribution; or (2) a Report on Status of Administration shall be filed by **March 25, 2027**, as required by Probate Code sections 12200 and 12201.
  - f. A status hearing re filing the Petition or Report shall be set on **April 15, 2027**, 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 April 15, 2027, at 9:00 a.m.

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**PR0001663     IN THE MATTER OF KWAN CHANG**

Petition for Probate of Will and for Letters of Administration with Will Annexed, filed by Hae Sook Chang on 2/17/26.

Ruling. This matter is **continued to April 23, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.** **Petitioner is ordered to file** Proof of Publication of Notice no later than five court days prior to the hearing. (Prob. Code, § 8120 et seq.)

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**PR0001664     IN THE MATTER OF LAUREN A. RENNA**

Petition for Probate of Will and for Letters Testamentary, filed by John J. Mancini on 2/17/26.

Ruling. This matter is **continued to April 23, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.** **Petitioner is ordered to file:**

1. A Supplement to Petition, signed and verified by Petitioner, that states whether Decedent was survived by a registered domestic partner, as required by Item 5a of the Petition. If Decedent was survived by a registered domestic partner, also provide their relationship to Decedent, age, and address as required by Item 8 of the Petition.
2. Proof of Service showing that any party named in response to Issue 1 received at least fifteen days' notice of the Petition on the mandatory Judicial Council Form "Notice of Petition to Administer Estate". (Judicial Council Forms, form DE-121.)

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**PR0001665     IN THE MATTER OF JEAN CATHERINE GHILOTTI**

Petition for Letters of Administration, filed by Michael Anthony Epidendio on 2/17/26.

Ruling. This matter is **continued to April 23, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.** **Petitioner is ordered to file** Proof of Publication of Notice no later than five court days prior to the hearing. (Prob. Code, § 8120 et seq.)

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**PR0001667     IN THE MATTER OF KELLEY BASLER**

Petition – Letters of Administration.

Ruling. This matter is **continued to April 30, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.**

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**PRO2200162     IN RE THE SPENCER J. SHAW SPECIAL NEEDS TRUST, TRUST OF**

Seventh Account and Report of Trustee and Petition for Its Approval and for Approval of Attorney's Fees, filed by Stephen M. Shaw on 2/6/26.

Ruling. Absent objections, the Seventh Account and Report of Trustee will be **granted without hearing.** **Trustee is ordered to comply with the following future dates:**

1. Trustee's Eighth Account and Report for the period 12/1/25 – 11/30/27 shall be filed by **February 10, 2028.**
2. A status hearing re filing the Eighth Account and Report shall be set on **March 16, 2028, at 10:00 a.m.**
  - a. If the Second Account and Report is not timely filed, an appearance will be required.
  - b. If the Second Account and Report is timely filed, the hearing will be set on **March 16, 2028, at 9:00 a.m.**

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**PRO2202479     SEAN HALEY THACKREY, ESTATE OF**

- 1) Status Conference – Filing of Final Inventory and Appraisal.
- 2) Petition – Status Report of Administration.

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

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Petition for Probate of Will and for Letters Testamentary, filed by Kelly Castagnaro on 2/23/26.

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 **July 23, 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.
    - g. Either: (1) a Petition for Final Distribution; or (2) a Report on Status of Administration shall be filed by **March 25, 2027**, as required by Probate Code sections 12200 and 12201.
    - h. A status hearing re filing the Petition or Report shall be set on **April 15, 2027**, at 10:00 a.m.
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      - ii. If the Petition or Report is timely filed, the hearing will be set on April 15, 2027, at 9:00 a.m.
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Judge James T. Chou

Department C  
10:00 Calendar

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**PR0001323**    **IN THE MATTER OF BRITT MARIA CHAPPELL**

Status Conference – Filing of Final Inventory and Appraisal.

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

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Judge James T. Chou  
Department C  
1:30 Calendar

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**PR000186     IN THE MATTER OF MORGAN JOSEPH BRIONES**

Status Conference – Confirmation of opening blocked account; expungement of bond; reimbursement of funds.

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

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**PR0000968     IN THE MATTER OF BIVONA MARIA KLEIN AND TAYA SALINA KLEIN**

Status Conference – Filing of Final Inventory and Appraisal.

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

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**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.**

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**PR0001447     IN THE MATTER OF MICHAEL ROONEY**

Amended Petition for Appointment of Probate Conservator of the Person, filed by Michael Rooney on 11/17/25.

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

If the Petition is granted, Conservator is **ordered to comply** with the following future dates:

1. Confidential Conservatorship Care Plan.
  - a. A status hearing for the filing of the mandatory Confidential Conservatorship Care Plan shall be set on **July 23, 2026, at 1:30 p.m.** (Judicial Council Forms, forms DE-355 and DE-356.)
  - b. An appearance will be required on that date if the Confidential Conservatorship Care Plan is not filed at least five court days prior to the hearing.

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**PR0001583     IN THE MATTER OF JUDITH YOUNGMAN**

Amended Petition for Appointment of Probate Conservator of the Person and Estate, filed by Anne F. Smith on 2/24/26.

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

If the Petition is granted, Conservator is **ordered to comply** with the following future dates:

1. Confidential Conservatorship Care Plan.
  - a. A status hearing for the filing of the mandatory Confidential Conservatorship Care Plan shall be set on **July 23, 2026, at 1:30 p.m.** (Judicial Council Forms, forms DE-355 and DE-356.)
  - b. An appearance will be required on that date if the Confidential Conservatorship Care Plan is not filed at least five court days prior to the hearing.
2. Final Inventory and Appraisal.
  - a. A status hearing for the filing of the Judicial Council Form “Final Inventory and Appraisal” shall be set on **July 23, 2026, at 1:30 p.m.** (Judicial Council Forms, form DE-160.)
  - 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.
3. First Account.
  - a. Conservator is to file the First Account for the period ending March 18, 2027 by May 27, 2027.
  - b. A hearing shall be set for July 8, 2027, at 1:30 for either:
    - i. Hearing on the First Account; or
    - ii. Explanation as to why it was not timely filed.

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**PR0001600     IN THE MATTER OF THOMAS RIO SEILER**

Petition for Appointment of Probate Conservator of the Person and Estate, filed by Karina Seiler and Thomas Roberts Seiler on 12/18/25.

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

If the Petition is granted, Conservator is **ordered to comply** with the following future dates:

1. Confidential Conservatorship Care Plan.
  - a. A status hearing for the filing of the mandatory Confidential Conservatorship Care Plan shall be set on **July 23, 2026, at 1:30 p.m.** (Judicial Council Forms, forms DE-355 and DE-356.)
  - b. An appearance will be required on that date if the Confidential Conservatorship Care Plan is not filed at least five court days prior to the hearing.
2. Final Inventory and Appraisal.
  - a. A status hearing for the filing of the Judicial Council Form “Final Inventory and Appraisal” shall be set on **July 23, 2026, at 1:30 p.m.** (Judicial Council Forms, form DE-160.)
  - 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.

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    - ii. Explanation as to why it was not timely filed.

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**PRO1404650 JESSICA RATHAUS, CONSERVATORSHIP OF THE PERSON**

Petition for Appointment of Successor Limited Probate Conservator of the Person, filed by Scott D. Rathaus and Renee Rathaus on 11/20/25.

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

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**PRO2002385 ARIEL LALEZARI, LIMITED CONSERVATORSHIP OF THE PERSON AND ESTATE**

Status Conference – Receipt of file by San Mateo Court.

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

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**PRO2203870 IN THE MATTER OF JACOB JOHN LILLEDAHL**

Status Conference – Second Account.

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

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**PRO36085 MARY ANN MILLER, CONSERVATORSHIP OF THE PERSON OF**

Petition to Fix Residence Outside the State of California, filed by Eric A. Miller and Karen Miller on 12/15/25.

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

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