

**Tentative Rulings for April 2, 2026, Probate Calendar**

Judge James T. Chou  
Department C

Judge Kelly V. Simmons  
Department J

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Any interested party who wishes to appear for oral argument on the tentative ruling **must do the following no later than 4:00 PM** one Court day prior to the scheduled hearing date (MCR 6.2.D):

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Judge James T. Chou  
Department C  
9:00 Calendar

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**PR000136     IN THE MATTER OF MANUEL A. RIVERA**

Petition Under Probate Code § 850 and § 859 to Recover Estate Property and for Double Damages, filed by Caron Schmierer on 1/16/26.

Ruling. This matter is **continued to May 8, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.**

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**PR000330     IN THE MATTER OF EVA LONG**

Petition to Remove Julie Jeung as Administrator and Replace Her with Karyn Chun as Administrator, filed by Roberta Leong and Karyn Chun on 12/9/25.

Ruling. Any response to the petition shall be filed by no later than April 17, 2026 or it will be deemed waived. Any reply to any responses filed shall be filed by no later than May 8, 2026 or will be deemed waived. **The matter is now set for May 28, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in Department C.**

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**PR000362     IN THE MATTER OF MICHAEL LAWLOR HOGAN**

1. Status Conference – Filing Report of Status of Administration or Petition for Final Distribution (file-by date was 3/12/26).
2. Status Conference – Contra Costa civil action

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

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**PR000691     IN THE MATTER OF JOHN ROBERT BOBAY**

Report of Status of Administration, filed by Liuji Chen on 3/10/26.

Ruling. 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.

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- a. Either: (1) a Petition for Final Distribution; or (2) a Report of Status of Administration shall be filed by **October 8, 2026**, as required by Probate Code sections 12200-12201.
- b. A status hearing re filing the Petition or Report shall be set on **October 30, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.**
  - i. If neither document has been timely filed, an appearance will be required.
- c. If the Petition or Report is timely filed, the hearing will be set on **October 30, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.**

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**PR000936     IN THE MATTER OF SACHEEN LITTLEFEATHER RUBIO**

Final Report of Executor on Waiver of Account and Petition for Final Distribution, filed by Trudy Orlandi on 3/26/26.

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

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**PR0001000     IN THE MATTER OF ALISON ANNE VON LACKUM**

Petition for: (1) Final Account and Report; (2) Waiver of Accounting; (3) Payment of Statutory Fees; (4) and Final Distribution, filed by Evan Von Lackum on 3/11/26.

Ruling. This matter is **continued to April 23, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.** for further review.

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**PR0001056     IN THE MATTER OF FABIO ANGIULI CORTARA**

1. Petition for Final Distribution; Settlement of First and Final Account, Report of the Administrator of the Estate of Fabio Angiuli Cortara and Petition for Allowance of Compensation to Attorney and Administrator for Ordinary Services; Petition for Extraordinary Compensation, filed by Nicole Marie Angiuli on 10/7/25.
2. Petition Under Probate Code § 850 to Determine Ownership of Real Property by the Estate of Fabio Angiuli Cortara, Directing Transfer of Said Property to the Estate of Fabio Angiuli Cortara, Fabio Angiuli Cortara, to Provide an Accounting of the Assets of the Estate, filed by Salvatore Cortara on 1/15/26.
3. Order to Show Cause with threat of sanctions as to why attorney Thomas LaLanne failed to appear on 03/26/2026.

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

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**PR0001067     IN THE MATTER OF JUDITH ANNE BRISCOE**

Petition for Final Distribution on Waiver of All Accounts and Report of Executor and for Allowance of Statutory Fees to Executor and for Allowance of Statutory Fees and Reimbursement of Costs Advanced to Attorney, filed by Megan Clark on 1/20/26.

Ruling. This matter is **continued to April 23, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.** for further review.

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**PR0001075     IN THE MATTER OF CHRISTOPHER E. GRAINGER**

Report of Status of Administration, filed by Benedictina Tracy on 3/26/26 (file-by date was 3/12/26).

**Ruling.** This matter is **continued to April 30, 2026 at 9:00.** The Report of Status of Administration was not filed by March 12, 2026, as ordered on 3/6/25; additional time for review and for proper notice is required.

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**PR0001216     IN THE MATTER OF RUTH ELIZABETH WEST**

First and Final Account, and Report of Executor and Petition for Statutory Compensation and for Final Distribution, filed by Kim Schwarcz on 2/10/26.

**Ruling.** This matter is **continued to April 23, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.** for further review.

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**PR0001235     IN THE MATTER OF PATRICIA RAISER**

Petition for Termination of Probate and Proceed Through a Small Estate Probate Under Section 13100 Affidavit, filed by Larry J. Bogel on 2/11/26.

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

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**PR0001284     IN THE MATTER OF BRUCE MANNING WRISLEY**

Report of Executor, Petition for Its Approval, for Allowance of Compensation to Attorney for Ordinary Services, and for Final Distribution on Waiver of Accounting, filed by Michael H. Wrisley on 2/9/26.

**Ruling.** This matter is **continued to April 23, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.** for further review.

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**PR0001578     IN THE MATTER OF JACK WILLIAM KEGG**

Amended Spousal Property Petition, filed by Mary Katherine Kegg on 3/10/26.

**Ruling.** This matter is **continued to April 23, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.** for further review.

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**PR0001606     IN THE MATTER OF ROBERT H. LARSEN**

Petition for Probate of Will and for Letters Testamentary, filed by Robert D. Harmon on 1/5/26.

**Ruling.** This matter is **continued to April 23, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.** for further review.

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**PR0001618      IN THE MATTER OF ANNE WOOLIEVER LIVING TRUST (2002) DATED JUNE 3, 2002**

Petition for Instructions on Distribution to Beneficiary Henry Fitzgerald White, filed by Margaret Daly on 1/7/26.

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

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**PR0001625      IN THE MATTER OF MARK JAMES MILBERG**

Petition for Letters of Administration, filed by Lauren Sugarman on 1/20/26.

Ruling. This matter is **continued to April 23, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.** for further review.

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**PR0001628      IN THE MATTER OF BARBARA MESCHI**

Petition – Letters of Administration.

Ruling. This matter is **continued to April 23, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.** for further review.

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**PR0001632      IN THE MATTER OF THE RESTATEMENT OF THE MERRIAM FAMILY TRUST DATED JULY 15, 1999**

1. Verified Petition to: (1) Invalidate Purported Amendment to Merriam Trust; and (2) Intentional Interference with Expected Inheritance, filed by Guillaume Jean Marie Crete on 1/21/26.
2. Demurrer to Complaint, filed by Joan Crete on 2/23/26

Ruling. In light of the dismissal of the Second Cause of Action, the Demurrer is **overruled**, and the Second Cause of Action is **dismissed without prejudice**.

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**PR0001636      IN THE MATTER OF DONALD RICHARD DOSSETT**

Petition for Probate of Will and for Letters Testamentary, filed by Celeste Mary Joy Dossett Davis on 1/30/26.

Ruling. This matter is **continued to April 23, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.** for further review.

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**PR0001644      IN THE MATTER OF ANN E. JOHNSON SEPARATE PROPERTY TRUST DATED AUGUST 2, 2007**

Petition for Order Confirming Trust Assets, filed by Holly Ann Williamson on 1/27/26.

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

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**PR0001645     IN THE MATTER OF RACHEL DENNISON TRUST DATED OCTOBER 10, 2020**

Petition to Sell Real Property in the Rachel Dennison Trust, filed by Anne F. Smith on 1/28/26.

**Ruling.** This matter is **continued to May 14, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.** Petitioner is ordered to file a copy of the Rachel Dennison Trust and serve a copy on all interested parties.

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**PR0001651     IN THE MATTER OF CHRISTOPHER D. KELLEY**

Petition for Letters of Administration, filed by Justice Kelley on 2/6/26

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

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**PR0001656     IN THE MATTER OF JACLYN MICHELLE DAB AND JOSHUA AARON ZEISER**

Petition for Order Directing Deposit of Funds, filed by Jaclyn Michelle Dab and Joshua Aaron Zeiser on 2/6/26.

**Ruling.** Absent objections, this petition will be **granted without an appearance.**

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**PR0001657     IN THE MATTER OF MICHELLE FRANCES KOLKE**

Spousal Property Petition, filed by Gabriella Noel McCone on 2/10/26.

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

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**PR0001668     IN THE MATTER OF THELMA GALLEGIONI**

Petition for Probate of Will and for Letters Testamentary, filed by Ermanno Gallegioni, Jr. on 2/19/26.

**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 **August 13, 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 **April 8, 2027**, as required by Probate Code sections 12200 and 12201.

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- b. A status hearing re filing the Petition or Report shall be set on **April 29, 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 29, 2027, at 10:00 a.m.**

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**PR0001669     IN THE MATTER OF ANNE LEWIN**

Petition for Probate of Will and for Letters Testamentary, filed by Matthew Robert Lewin 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 **August 13, 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 **April 8, 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 29, 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 29, 2027, at 10:00 a.m.**

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**PR0001670     IN THE MATTER OF TIM FIRMAN**

Petition for Letters of Administration, filed by Lishan Firman 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 **August 13, 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.)
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  - a. Either: (1) a Petition for Final Distribution; or (2) a Report on Status of Administration shall be filed by **April 8, 2027**, as required by Probate Code sections 12200 and 12201.

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- b. A status hearing re filing the Petition or Report shall be set on **April 29, 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 29, 2027, at 10:00 a.m.**

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**PR0001673     IN THE MATTER OF BETTY JEAN WALKER**

Petition for Probate of Will and for Letters Testamentary, filed by Eleanor Berry on 2/24/26.

Ruling. This matter is **continued to April 30, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.** Petitioner is ordered to address the following:

1. File a Supplement to Petition, signed and verified by Petitioner, that:
  - a. Provides more information with regard to the relationships of Decedent's heirs. Ex: John Doe, son of Decedent's predeceased sister, Jane Doe.
  - b. Provides the name, relationship, age, and address of the trustee of the Betty Jean Walker Revocable Trust. (Prob. Code, § 1208, subd. (b).)
  - c. If Petitioner is also the trustee, provides names, relationships, ages, and addresses of the beneficiaries of the trust.
  - d. If Petitioner is not the trustee, provides name, relationship, age, and address of the trustee.
2. File Proof of Service showing that all interested parties named in response to Issue 1 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.)
3. All documents 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.)

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**PR0001675     IN THE MATTER OF RICHARD VALLS**

Petition for Probate of Will and for Letters of Administration with Will Annexed, filed by Carol Mantelli Valls on 2/26/26.

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 **August 13, 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 **April 8, 2027**, as required by Probate Code sections 12200 and 12201.

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- b. A status hearing re filing the Petition or Report shall be set on **April 29, 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 29, 2027, at 10:00 a.m.**

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**PR0001676     IN THE MATTER OF DARRELL LYNN PHIPPS**

Petition for Probate of Will and for Letters Testamentary, filed by Alyssa Gleason on 2/26/26.

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 **August 13, 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 **April 8, 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 29, 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 29, 2027, at 10:00 a.m.**

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**PR0001677     IN THE MATTER OF ALEXANDER DABIZA**

Petition for Letters of Administration, filed by Mary Alex Dabiza on 2/27/26.

Ruling. This matter is **continued to April 30, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.** Petitioner is ordered to address the following:

1. File a Supplement to Petition, signed and verified by Petitioner, that provides the following information required by the Petition for Letters of Administration:
  - a. Was Decedent survived by a registered domestic partner? (Pet., Item 5a(3)-(4).)
  - b. Was Decedent survived by issue of a predeceased child? (Pet., Item 5a(7)-(8).)
  - c. Name, relationship, age, and address of each party named in response to the above. (Pet., Item 8.)
2. File Proof of Service showing that all interested parties named in response to Issue 1 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.)

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3. All documents 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.)

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**PR0001686     IN THE MATTER OF JAN MARIE NILSEN**

Petition for Letters of Administration, filed by Joan Nilsen on 3/2/26.

**Ruling.** This matter is **continued to April 23, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.** for further review.

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**PR0001687     IN THE MATTER OF KATHARINE E. TOPKINS**

Petition for Probate of Will and for Letters Testamentary, filed by Joan Lasden and Richard Marc Topkins on 3/2/26.

**Ruling.** This matter is **continued to April 23, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.** for further review.

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**PR0001697     IN RE JACQUELINE ANNE MONTES**

Petition for Letters of Administration, filed by Melissa Rose Montes on 3/4/26.

**Ruling.** This matter is **continued to April 23, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.** for further review.

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**PRO045029     LAURA KATHRYN SOLLID, LIMITED CONSERVATORSHIP OF THE PERSON AND ESTATE**

Twelfth Account and Report of the Conservator of Laura Kathryn Sollid, aka Kasie Sollid; Petition to Settle Accounts and to Fix & Allow Attorneys' Fees, filed by Ronald Kristian Sollid on 2/10/26.

**Ruling.** This matter is **continued to April 23, 2026, at 1:30 p.m.** for further review.

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**PRO1802115     ROSEMARY THERESA BOCK, ESTATE OF**

Report of Status of Administration and Request for Extension of Time to Administer Estate, filed by Holger Siegwart on 1/15/26.

**Ruling.** This matter is **continued to April 23, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.** for further review.

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**PRO2102649     ESHMAIL M. SARKIS, ESTATE OF**

Report of Status of Administration and Petition for Order Continuing Estate Administration, filed by Christianna Sarkis Gorin on 3/5/26.

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

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2. Status on Closing Estate.
  - a. Either: (1) a Petition for Final Distribution; or (2) a Report of Status of Administration shall be filed by **July 9, 2026**, as required by Probate Code sections 12200-12201.
  - b. A status hearing re filing the Petition or Report shall be set on **July 30, 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 **July 30, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.**

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**PRO2200411 PATRICIA JUDITH CURLEY-LINDSEY-RANZER, ESTATE OF**

Petition for Letters of Administration, filed by Kenneth L. Schwartz on 2/20/26.

**Ruling.** This matter is **continued to April 30, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.** Petitioner is ordered to address the following:

1. File a Supplement to Petition, signed and verified by Petitioner, that provides the following information required by the Petition for Letters of Administration:
  - a. Additional information with regard to the relationships of Decedent's heirs. Ex: John Doe, son of Decedent's predeceased sister, Jane Doe.
  - b. For each predeceased relative, state whether they were survived by any issue.
  - c. For each post-deceased relative, provide the name of the personal representative of that relative's estate, or if none, the names of that relative's heirs and/or beneficiaries as of that relative's date of death.
  - d. Name, relationship, age, and address of each party named in response to the above. (Pet., Item 8.)
2. File Proof of Service showing that all interested parties named in response to Issue 1 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.)
3. All documents 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.)

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**PRO2301725 IN THE MATTER OF ANDREA JOY MORGAN, ESTATE OF**

First and Final Account and Report of Administrator, Petition for Its Settlement, for Allowance of Attorney's Fees for Ordinary Services and Petition for Final Distribution, filed by Daniel R. Morgan on 2/17/26.

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**PRO31903      ERNEST H. CORDA, ESTATE OF**

Petition for Order Accepting Resignation of Trustee and for Appointment of Successor Trustee, filed by Nancy M. Corda on 1/27/26.

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

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# Judge James T. Chou

## Department C 10:00 Calendar

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**PR0000476     IN THE MATTER OF CLARA BULLOCK**

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

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

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**PR0001073     IN THE MATTER OF LEE DIANE LITTLE**

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

**Ruling. This matter is **ordered off calendar.****

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**PR0001256     IN THE MATTER OF DANIEL JUDAH GARE**

- 1) Status Conference – Filing of Final Inventory and Appraisal.
- 2) Order – Show Cause – Failure to appear; failure to file Final Inventory and Appraisal

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

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# Judge Kelly V. Simmons

## Department J 10:00 Calendar

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**PR0001429    IN THE MATTER OF PHILIP CHARLES GENET**

Petition to Revoke Probate of Purported Codicils to the Last Will of Philip C. Genet, filed by Deborah and Rebecca Genet on 1/30/26.

**Ruling. The parties are ordered to appear to discuss whether the matter will be submitted on the pleadings or whether an evidentiary hearing is necessary.**

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