

Tentative Rulings for June 18, 2026, Probate Calendar

Judge James T. Chou
Department C

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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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Department C
9:00 Calendar

PR000238 IN THE MATTER OF ISIAAH NENGO

1. Petition for Final Distribution on Waiver of Accounting and for Payment of Statutory Attorney's Fees, filed by Ann Nengo on 5/21/25.
2. Motion to Enforce Lien Against Beneficiary's Interest in Estate, filed by Paquita Marie Rendon on 5/29/25.

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

PR0001377 IN THE MATTER OF THE NENGO TRUST DATED MARCH 14, 2005

1. Petition by Judgment Creditor to Apply Trust Assets to Debt Owed by Settlor/Beneficiary of Trust, filed by Paquita Marie Rendon on 6/30/25.
2. Status Conference – Compliance of terms of settlement agreement.

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

PR000526 IN THE MATTER OF SARA ANN BIANCALANA

Petition for Letters of Special Administration with general powers, filed by Michael Louis Biancalana on 5/21/26.

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

PR0001062 IN THE MATTER OF KEITH STONEKING

1. Report of Status of Administration, filed by Jacquelyn M. Reynolds on 5/27/26.
2. Petition to Terminate the 2025 Robert Zeman Special Needs Trust Due to Changed Circumstances, filed by Alexandra Slaney and Jacquelyn Reynolds on 5/14/26.

Ruling. The Petition to Terminate the Robert Zeman Special Needs Trust is **ordered off calendar**. Petitioner filed this in the wrong case number.

The Report of Status of Administration is **continued to July 19, 2016, at 9:00 a.m.** Petitioner is **ordered to:**

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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).)
3. **Submit** a proposed Order for the Report of Status of Administration to the Court. (Super. Ct. Marin County, Local Rules, rule 6.2(C), Submission of Proposed Orders.)
4. The documents must be filed/submitted at least **five court days prior to hearing**. (Super. Ct. Marin County, Local Rules, rule 6.2(b), Filing, Hearing, and Continuance Procedures.)

PR0001158 IN THE MATTER OF NOEL ERNESTO MENDOZA BORGE

Petition for Order Approving Status Report and Continuing Administration of Estate, filed by Yolanda Lewin on 5/28/26.

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.
 - a. Either: (1) a Petition for Final Distribution; or (2) a Report of Status of Administration shall be filed by **February 25, 2027**, as required by Probate Code sections 12200-12201.
 - b. A status hearing re filing the Petition or Report shall be set on **March 18, 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 **[March 18, 2027, at 9:00 a.m.**

PR0001176 IN THE MATTER BETHA LIA DELGADO

Report of Status of Administration and Petition for Continuation of Administration of Estate, filed by Patrick Meves on 5/28/26.

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.
 - a. Either: (1) a Petition for Final Distribution; or (2) a Report of Status of Administration shall be filed by **November 30, 2026**, as required by Probate Code sections 12200-12201.
 - b. A status hearing re filing the Petition or Report shall be set on **December 17, 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 17, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.**

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PR0001219 IN THE MATTER OF GEORGE NAVONE AND ROSE MARIE NAVONE REVOCABLE TRUST

1. Status Conference – Discovery, mediation, and hearing setting
2. Petition and Verified Complaint for: (1) an Order Invalidating Trust Agreement for Undue Influence and Isolation; (2) an Order Removing Trustee for Breach of Fiduciary Duties; and (3) Damages for Elder Financial Abuse, filed by Michael A. Navone and Geoffrey B. Navone on 3/28/25.

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

PR0001260 IN THE MATTER OF ROSWITHA K. BURK

First and Final Report of Personal Representative, Petition for Final Distribution on Waiver of Account, and Waiver of Statutory Commissions, filed by Arthur Klavan on 5/12/26.

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

PR0001500 IN THE MATTER OF THE NORMAN LEIGH LIVING TRUST

Petition to Invalidate Trust; for Financial Elder Abuse; Removal of Trustee; and to Enjoin Use of Trust Funds to Defend, filed by Robert Leigh on 9/24/25.

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

PR0001773 IN THE MATTER OF TERESA NADINE SUSMAN

Petition for Probate of Will and for Letters Testamentary and for Letters of Administration, filed by Samantha Jo Ezgar on 4/22/26.

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

PR0001784 IN THE MATTER OF EARL AND TONI STEWART REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST

Petition for Order Confirming Trust Property, filed by Toni Suzanne Stewart on 4/27/26.

Ruling. In light of the dismissal filed on June 15, 2026, this matter is ordered **off calendar.**

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PR0001803 IN THE MATTER OF VICTOR AMERI

Amended Petition for Probate of Lost Will and for Letters Testamentary, filed by Lewis Ameri on 5/19/26.

Ruling. Absent objections, this Petition will be **granted without hearing**. Petitioner is ordered to **submit** a proposed Order to the Court within five days of today's date. (Super. Ct. Marin County, Local Rules, rule 6.2(C), Submission of Proposed Orders.)

PR0001814 IN THE MATTER OF ALAN WILSON

Spousal Property Petition, filed by Susan Wilson on 5/18/26.

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

1. **File** a Supplement to Petition, signed and verified by Petitioner, that provides the information required by Item 6 of the Petition. If Decedent was survived by any such relatives, provide their names, relationships, ages, and addresses. (Prob. C. § 13651(a)(5).)
2. **If applicable:**
 - a. **Mail** notice to all interested parties using the mandatory Judicial Council Form "Notice of Hearing – Decedent's Estate or Trust." (Judicial Council Forms, form DE-120.)
 - b. **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 Petition. (Prob. C. § 12201(b).)
3. **Submit** a proposed Order for the Report of Status of Administration to the Court. (Super. Ct. Marin County, Local Rules, rule 6.2(C), Submission of Proposed Orders.)
4. The 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.)

PR0001817 IN THE MATTER OF DENICE A. STOOPS

Petition for Probate of Will and for Letters Testamentary, filed by Lisa K. Dammann on 5/19/26.

Ruling. This matter is **continued to July 16, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.** Petitioner is **ordered to:**

1. **File** a Supplement to Petition, signed and verified by Petitioner, that provides the names, relationship to Decedent, age, and address of all beneficiaries of the Will, as required by Item 8 of the Petition.
2. **Mail** notice to all interested parties using the mandatory Judicial Council Form "Notice of Petition to Administer Estate." (Judicial Council Forms, form DE-121; Prob. Code, § 13655.)
3. **File** Proof of Service showing that all interested parties received at least fifteen days' notice of the Petition
4. The document 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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PRO1801087 IN THE MATTER OF DONN R. SCHOENMANN

Motion to Continue Hearing on Objection to Tentative Decision, filed by E. Lynn Schoenmann on 11/10/25.

Ruling. Absent objections, this Motion is **dismissed as moot**. The matter is now set for a status hearing on **December 10, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in Department C**.

PRO2201543 WALTER R. HADDAD, ESTATE OF

First and Final Account and Report of Co-Executors and Petition for Orders: (1) Settling Account and Approving Report of Co-Executors; (2) Waiving Statutory Executors' Compensation; (3) Allowing Extraordinary Attorneys' Compensation; and (4) Directing Final Distribution, filed by Tracie A. Morris and Scott M. Haddad on 4/2/26.

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

PRO2203587 BRYONY E. SWIFT, SPECIAL NEEDS TRUST, TRUST OF

Fourth Account and Report of Successor Trustee and Petition for Its Settlement; for Order Dispensing with Further Accountings; Exonerating Bond; for Approval of Fees of Successor Trustee; and Approval of Fees and Costs to Attorney for Successor Trustee, filed by Sharon Duncan on 3/2/26.

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

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Department C
10:00 Calendar



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Department C
1:30 Calendar

PR0000871 IN THE MATTER OF MONROE JAMES GROSHONG NAKO 'OKA

First Account Current and Report of Guardian of the Estate; Petition for Approval and Settlement of Account, filed by Le Ann Crosser Groshong on 6/15/26.

Ruling. This matter is **continued to July 23, 2026, at 1:30 p.m.** Petitioner is **ordered to:**

1. **Mail** notice of the First Account to all interested parties. Notice must be given on the mandatory Judicial Council Form "Notice of Hearing – Guardianship or Conservatorship". (Judicial Council Forms, form GC-020.)
2. **File** a copy of the GC-020 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 First Account. (Prob. Code, §§ 2621.)
3. 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.)

PR0001472 IN THE MATTER OF KAREN ACCACIA LYNN CARTER/FOSTER

Amended Petition for Appointment of Probate Conservator of the Person, filed by Sharon Lee McKay on 11/4/25.

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

PR0001649 IN THE MATTER OF THEO HUDSON LEWIS

Petition for Appointment of Limited Probate Conservator of the Person, filed by Gerald Lewis and Kristen Lewis on 2/6/26.

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

If the Petition is granted, Conservators 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 **October 30, 2026, at 1:30 p.m.** (Judicial Council Forms, forms DE-355 and DE-356.)

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- 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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