

Tentative Rulings for July 9, 2026, Probate Calendar

Judge James T. Chou
Department C

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Judge James T. Chou
Department C
9:00 Calendar

PR0000081 ESTATE OF ANNE WOODWARD ROBERTS AKA ANNE W. ALLEN

Report of Status of Administration, filed by Leslie Roberts on 6/16/26.

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

1. Comply with the following future dates:

a. Status on Closing Estate.

- i. Either: (1) a Petition for Final Distribution; or (2) a Report of Status of Administration shall be filed by August 6, 2026, as required by Probate Code sections 12200-12201.
- ii. A status hearing re filing the Petition or Report shall be set on August 27, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.
 1. If neither document has been timely filed, an appearance will be required.
 2. If the Petition or Report is timely filed, the hearing will be set on August 27, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

2. Submit a proposed Order to the Court. (Super. Ct. Marin County, Local Rules, rule 6.2(C), Submission of Proposed Orders.)

PR0000531 IN THE MATTER OF JOSHUA ARMEL

1. Verified Petition for Damages for: (1) Request for Order of Conveyance of Property; (2) Elder Financial Abuse; (3) Breach of Fiduciary Duty; (4) Constructive Fraud; (5) Undue Influence; (6) Cancellation of Instrument – Mohawk Avenue; (7) Cancellation of Instrument – Masonic Avenue; and (8) Rescission, filed by Joshua Armel on 4/10/24.
2. Amended Petition to Compel Account; to Challenge Ownership of Trust Assets; to Challenge Validity of IRA Beneficiary Designation; for Attorneys Fees, filed by Tatyana A. Mironova and Anton Mironov on 10/2/25.

Ruling. This matter is **continued to August 20, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.**, pursuant to the stipulated order issued on May 5, 2026.

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PR0000634 IN THE MATTER OF THE RICHARD L. BIEGEL REVOCABLE TRUST

Petition for Order for Payment of Fees to Guardian ad Litem and Request for Attorney's Fees and Costs, filed by Alice Fishler on 5/28/26.

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

PR0000671 IN THE MATTER OF PATRICIA ANN GURIN

Final Account and Report, Petition for Settlement, for Ordinary Compensation to Personal Representative, for Extraordinary Compensation to Personal Representative, for Ordinary Compensation to Attorney and for Final Distribution, filed by Janice Boling on 3/10/26.

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

PR0000785 IN THE MATTER OF THE ARMAND AND CORRINE GREENFIELD LIVING TRUST A AND TRUST B

First and Final Report and Account of Trust A of the Armand and Corrine Greenfield Living Trust from June 1, 2017, to December 28, 2022, and Petition for Settlement of Account, filed by Lydia Greenfield on 5/26/26.

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

PR0000851 IN THE MATTER OF SERGEY BIKOWSKY

Petition for Order: (1) Approving Status Report of Administrator; (2) on Waiver of Account; and (3) Closing Estate Administration Due to Lack of Assets, filed by Olga Luzato on 5/15/26.

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

PR0000983 IN THE MATTER OF MARY JANE MARE HARDING

1. Verified Report of Status of Administration, filed by Mary Jane Mare Harding on 6/26/26.
2. Order to Show Cause – Failure to appear on 5/21/26 and on 6/11/26; failure to file Petition or Report.

Ruling. The Court has reviewed the declaration filed by Woodford Rowland, Esq. on June 24, 2026. The OSC issued by the Court on June 11, 2026, is **discharged**. No sanctions are ordered. The Court expects a final petition and accounting will be filed by October 15, 2026.

Absent objections, the Report of Status of Administration is **accepted and approved**.

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Personal Representative is ordered to:

1. **Comply with the following future dates:**
 - a. Status on Closing Estate.
 - i. Either: (1) a Petition for Final Distribution; or (2) a Report of Status of Administration shall be filed by October 15, 2026, as required by Probate Code sections 12200-12201.
 - ii. A status hearing re filing the Petition or Report shall be set on November 5, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.
 1. If neither document has been timely filed, an appearance will be required.
 2. If the Petition or Report is timely filed, the hearing will be set on November 5, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.
2. **Submit a proposed Order to the Court.** (Super. Ct. Marin County, Local Rules, rule 6.2(C), Submission of Proposed Orders.)

PR0001206 IN THE MATTER OF JOSEPHINE SKEWES-COX

Report of Status of Administration of Estate, filed by Marin County Public Administrator on 6/17/26.

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 December 17, 2026, as required by Probate Code sections 12200-12201.
 - b. A status hearing re filing the Petition or Report shall be set on January 7, 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 January 7, 2027, at 9:00 a.m.

PR0001243 IN THE MATTER OF MOHAMAD KHOSROWPANAH

First Status Report and Request for Approval Thereof, filed by Phillip A. Bond on 6/1/26.

Ruling. This Report of Status of Administration is **accepted**; the Court confirms the hearing on the Petition for Final Distribution set for August 6, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

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PR0001324 IN THE MATTER OF PAUL A. BRAININ

1. Status Conference – Final Inventory and Appraisal
2. Report of Status of Administration of Estate of Paul A. Brainin, filed by Mary Shawn Callan on 6/26/26.

Ruling. This status hearing re filing the Final Inventory and Appraisal is continued to September 10, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., to be heard with the status hearing re filing a Report of Status of Administration or a Petition for Final Distribution.

PR0001491 IN THE MATTER OF DAVID ROGER FORTNEY

Spousal Property Petition, filed by Maria Pitillo on 10/1/25.

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

PR0001560 TRUST AGREEMENT OF WILLIAM T. BAGLEY

Second Amended Petition for Order Authorizing and Directing Transfer of Personal Property or Constructive Trust, filed by William Bagley, Jr. and Walter Bagley on 4/23/26.

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

PR0001755 IN THE MATTER OF MARJORIE Y. SCOTT TRUST NO. III

Petition for Order Appointing Successor Co-Trustees and to Change Venue, filed by Jane A. Scott on 5/27/26.

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

PR0001776 IN THE MATTER OF 1993 MEEK FAMILY LIVING TRUST

Petition for Order: (1) Approving Trust Termination and Distribution Agreement; (2) Dividing and Modifying Trusts, filed by Christopher Eylar Meek on 4/21/26.

Ruling. The Court has reviewed the report filed on June 24, 2026, by Guardian ad Litem Mary White, Esq. Absent objections, this Petition will be **granted without hearing. Petitioner is ordered to submit a proposed Order to the Court.** (Super. Ct. Marin County, Local Rules, rule 6.2(C), Submission of Proposed Orders.)

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PR0001799 IN THE MATTER OF TRUST AGREEMENT FRANCES KALISKI, TRUSTOR

Petition for Appointment of Successor Trustee, filed by Raymond William Kaliski on 5/1/26.

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

PR0001800 IN THE MATTER OF WALTER S. HALLANAN, III

First Trust Account of Successor Trustee and Petition for Approval and Settlement of Account, filed by John Bacon, Jr. on 5/1/26.

Ruling. Absent objections, this Petition will be **granted without hearing**. **Trustee is ordered to comply with the following future dates:**

1. Trustee's Second Account and Report for the period 4/1/26 – 3/31/28 shall be filed by **June 9, 2028**.
2. A status hearing re filing the Second Account and Report shall be set on **July 21, 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 **July 21, 2028, at 9:00 a.m.**

PR0001802 IN THE MATTER OF LELAND R. JEWETT AND AUDREY J. JEWETT 2003 DECLARATION OF TRUST

Petition to Determine Terms of Trust and to Confirm Trustee of Trust, filed by Susan J. Turley on 5/6/26.

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

PR0001807 IN THE MATTER OF JOAN McGLOCHLIN TESTAMENTARY SPECIAL NEEDS TRUST

Petition for Order Modifying Irrevocable Trust, filed by Bruce McGlochlin on 5/6/26.

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

PR0001808 IN THE MATTER OF M. R. NICKERSON 1988 REVOCABLE TRUST

Petition for Order Appointing Successor Trustee Under Probate Code Section 15660, filed by Susan S. Reynolds and Jill A. Flynn on 5/8/26.

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

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PR0001834 IN THE MATTER OF JUAN A. GARCIA

Petition for Probate of Will and for Letters Testamentary, filed by Paul A. Garcia on 6/1/26.

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 November 19, 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 July 15, 2027, as required by Probate Code sections 12200 and 12201.
 - b. A status hearing re filing the Petition or Report shall be set on August 5, 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 August 5, 2027, at 9:00 a.m.

PR0001835 IN THE MATTER OF STEPHEN ARION MONTI

Petition for Probate of Will and for Letters Testamentary, filed by Susan Mynarcik on 6/3/26.

Ruling. This matter is **continued to August 6, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.** Petitioner is **ordered to:**

1. **Mail** notice of the Petition for Probate to all interested parties using the mandatory Judicial Council Form “Notice of Petition to Administer Estate.” (Judicial Council Forms, form DE-121.)
2. **File** a copy of the DE-121 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 for Probate. (Prob. Code, § 8110.) 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.)

PR0001840 IN THE MATTER OF MARY SAFRAN

Petition for Probate of Will and for Letters Testamentary, filed by John Safran on 6/8/26.

Ruling. This matter is **continued to August 6, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.** Petitioner is **ordered to:**

1. **File** a Supplement to Petition that provides the names and addresses of the beneficiaries of the John Safran and Mary Safran Revocable Trust. (Prob. Code, § 1208.)

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2. **File** Proof of Service confirming that the parties named above received proper notice 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.)

PR0001841 IN THE MATTER OF FRANZ ADAM AUERBACH

Petition for Letters of Administration with Will Annexed, filed by Joyce A. Lodwick on 6/9/26.

Ruling. This matter is **continued to August 6, 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.; Super. Ct. Marin County, Local Rules, rule 6.2(b), Filing, Hearing, and Continuance Procedures.)

PR0001843 IN THE MATTER OF MARGUERITE METZ HALABURT

Petition for Probate of Will and for Letters of Administration with Will Annexed, filed by Karen Halaburt Albritton on 6/10/26.

Ruling. This matter is **continued to August 6, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.** **Petitioner is ordered to:**

1. **Lodge** the original Will with the Court. (Prob. Code, § 8200.)
2. **File** a Supplement to Petition, signed and verified by Petitioner, that:
 - a. Provides the information required by Item 5a re issue of predeceased child.
 - b. Provides the name, relationship, age, and address for any party named in response to the above.
3. **Mail** notice of the Petition for Probate to all interested parties using the mandatory Judicial Council Form “Notice of Petition to Administer Estate.” (Judicial Council Forms, form DE-121.)
4. **File** a copy of the DE-121 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 for Probate. (Prob. Code, § 8110.)
5. **Submit** a proposed Order to the Court on the mandatory Judicial Council Form “Order for Probate.” (Judicial Council Forms, form DE-140; Super. Ct. Marin County, Local Rules, rule 6.2(C), Submission of Proposed Orders.)
6. All 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.)

PR0001844 IN THE MATTER OF IRA SANDLER

Petition for Probate of Will and for Letters of Administration with Will Annexed, filed by Mya Shone and Jodha Khalsa on 6/11/26.

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.

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- a. A status hearing for the filing of the Final Inventory and Appraisal shall be set on November 19, 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 July 15, 2027, as required by Probate Code sections 12200 and 12201.
 - b. A status hearing re filing the Petition or Report shall be set on August 5, 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 August 5, 2027, at 9:00 a.m.

PRO1704416 IN RE THE PHILIP M. SHEPARD TRUST, TRUST OF

Motion for: (1) Enforcement of 1/22/18 Order; (2) OSC Re Contempt; (3) Compel Co-Trustees to Provide Corrected Final Distribution; and (4) Sanctions and attorney's fees, filed by Kathleen Shepard on 2/10/26.

Ruling. Kathleen Shepard's motion is unsigned, unverified, seeks relief beyond simply enforcing the 1/22/18 order, was not served on all interested parties, and is therefore procedurally invalid and is therefore **denied**.

Judge James T. Chou
Department C
10:00 Calendar

PR0000476 IN THE MATTER OF CLARA BULLOCK

Status Conference – Petition for Instructions and Report/Petition for Final Distribution

Ruling. Personal representative Bishlam Bullock and attorney Mark Kelly are **ordered to appear.**

PR0000929 IN THE MATTER OF PATRICK J. GALLAGHER

Order – Show Cause - Dismiss

Ruling. This matter is **ordered off calendar** pursuant to the Dismissal entered on 6/24/26.

**PR0001011 IN THE MATTER OF PATRICK J. GALLAGHER AND LUCILLE GALLAGHER REVOCABLE
LIVING TRUST**

Order – Show Cause – Dismiss - Discharge of Personal Representative

Ruling. This matter is **ordered off calendar** pursuant to the Dismissal entered on 6/24/26.

PR0001278 IN THE MATTER OF RUTH KATHLEEN MCCREIGHT

Status Conference - Final Distribution or Report on Status of Administration

Ruling. Personal representative Peter Maier and attorney Amy Harrington are **ordered to appear.**

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Judge James T. Chou
Department C
1:30 Calendar

PR0000884 IN THE MATTER OF JACOB EGAN

Request and Order for Waiver of Accounting, filed by Jacob Egan on 7/9/26.

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

PR0000918 IN THE MATTER OF JACQUELINE E. LAPLANCHE

Request and Order for Waiver of Accounting, filed by Renaud Laplanche on 3/30/26.

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

PR0001041 IN THE MATTER OF AURALEE DOUGHERTY

Status Conference – First Account

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

PR0001440 IN THE MATTER OF ROBERT RAUDSO

Petition for Instructions Regarding Payment of Civil Litigation Counsel, filed by Jennifer Winship on 3/23/26 on 6/24/26.

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

PR0001558 IN THE MATTER OF ZACHARY J. COLLINS

Status Conference – Confidential Conservatorship Care Plan

Ruling. This matter is ordered **off calendar**; the Confidential Conservatorship Care Plan has been filed.

PRO1600357 CANDACE LEIGH WICKHAM, LIMITED CONSERVATORSHIP OF THE PERSON

Status Conference – Appoint Successor Conservator

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

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Second and Final Account and Report of the Guardian of the Estate; Petition for Order Approving, Allowing and Settling Account; and Petition to Increase the Amount of Bond, filed by Janna Mandell on 6/18/26.

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

1. If the matter has not been transferred to New Jersey, Guardian's Third Account and Report for the period 4/10/26 – 4/9/28 shall be filed by **June 22, 2028**.
 2. A status hearing re filing the Second Account and Report shall be set on **July 13, 2028, at 1:30 p.m.** An appearance will be required on that date if the Third Account and Report is not filed at least five court days prior to hearing.
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