

Tentative Rulings for July 30, 2026, Probate Calendar

Judge James T. Chou
Department C

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9:00 Calendar

PR0000038 IN THE MATTER OF BRADFORD E. THOMSON

1. Petition for Probate of Will and for Letters Testamentary, filed by Lesley L. Bautista on 9/29/25.
2. Order to Show Cause - as to why the petition should not be dismissed for the failure to comply with the Court's order.
3. Motion for Preliminary Injunction, filed by Lyle Douglas Thomsen on 3/12/26.

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

PR0000431 IN THE MATTER OF LYNELL WHELOCK

Verified Fifth Report of Status of Administration

Ruling. The Report of Status of Administration was filed too late to allow for proper notice. This matter is **continued to August 27, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.** 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).)
3. **Submit** a proposed Order 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.)

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

1. Petition: (1) to Enforce Settlement; (2) to Remove Trustee & Enjoin Use of Trust Funds; (3) to Compel Account & Report; (4) for Redress of Breach of Trust; (5) for Failure to Enforce Claims; (6) for Return of Trust Property & Double Damages; (7) for Breach of Good Faith & Fair Dealing; (8) for Misrepresentation; and (9) for Concealment, filed by David A. Biegel on 6/5/26.

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

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PR0000670 IN THE MATTER OF GREGORY POWELL JAMPOLSKY

Petition for Probate of Will and for Letters Testamentary, filed by Lea Gamble on 6/13/24.

Ruling. Petitioner is **ordered** to file any response to the Objection filed by Jacquelyn Jampolsky by August 24, 2026, or such response will be deemed waived. The matter is now set for **September 17, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.** in Department C.

PR0000716 IN THE MATTER OF THE EVA LONG, PH.D. REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST

1. Amended Petition for Order Determining Title to Personal Property and Directing Transfer of Property to Trust, filed by Julie Jeung on 10/22/25.
2. Petition for Approval of Settlement Agreement; Supplemental Petition for Order Determining Title to Personal Property; and Authorization for Administrator with Will Annexed to Make Settlement Payment, filed by Julie Jeung on 6/3/26.
3. Status Conference – Mediation and further proceedings

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

CV0000843 IN THE MATTER OF SAMUEL MATTHEW GOLDBERGER

Amended Motion to Compel Issuance of Written Orders and Entry of Judgment; Allegations of Judicial Misconduct, Fraud, and Civil RICO, filed by Judah Bell on 2/13/26.

Ruling. This motion is without merit and is **denied in full**.

PR0001062 IN THE MATTER OF KEITH STONEKING

First and Final Report of Executor; Petition for Approval of Statutory and Extraordinary Compensation; and for Final Distribution, filed by Jacquelyn M. Reynolds on 7/1/26.

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

PR0001404 IN THE MATTER OF JAY DEE WARK CREDIT SHELTER TRUST

1. Jana Wark Maloney's Verified Petition for (1) Construction of Trust and (2) Order Voiding Trustor's Purported Exercise of Power of Appointment, filed by Jana Wark Maloney on 8/8/25.
2. Motion for Order Quashing Deposition Subpoenas and Staying Depositions, filed by Sidney (sic) Wark on 12/31/25.
3. Verified Petition for Order Compelling Trustee Sydney Wark to (1) Produce Trust Information and (2) Account; and for (3) Suspension and (4) Removal of Trustee, filed by Jana Wark on 4/30/26.

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

PR0001503 IN THE MATTER OF VINCENT PEBBLES

1. Probate Code § 17200 Petition for Instructions, filed by Vincent C. Pebbles on 9/25/25.
2. First Trust Account and Petition for Approval of Account and Trustee Fees, filed by Christian Pebbles on 6/25/26.

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

PR0001734 IN THE MATTER OF BARBARA LEE MAHONEY

Amended Petition for Probate of Lost Will and for Letters of Administration with Will Annexed, filed by Danielle Lacampagne on 6/5/26.

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 December 10, 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 August 5, 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 26, 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 26, 2027, at 9:00 a.m.

PR0001639 IN THE MATTER OF BARBARA LEE MAHONEY

1. First and Final Account, Petition for Termination of Temporary Conservatorship and for Discharge of Conservator, and Waiver of Fees, filed by Danielle Lacampagne on 4/28/26.
2. Order - Show Cause - Dismiss Petition to Appoint Conservator in light of Conservatee's death

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

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PR0001773 IN THE MATTER OF TERESA NADINE SUSMAN

Petition for Letters of Administration, filed by Samantha Jo Ezgar on 5/21/26.

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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 - ii. If the Petition or Report is timely filed, the hearing will be set on August 26, 2027, at 9:00 a.m.

PR0001828 IN THE MATTER OF THERESE E. MCCLELLAN BURKHARDT LIVING TRUST

Petition for Instructions Regarding Administration of Trust and to Resolve Ownership Claims to Trust Real Property, filed by Justin B. Kuzmanich on 5/28/26.

Ruling. The parties are **ordered** to meet and confer in person, by telephone, or by virtual meeting by no later than **August 14, 2026**. Any response to the Objections filed by Anthony and Heather Bettencourt on July 21, 2026 shall be **filed by August 21, 2026** or will be deemed waived. **The matter is now set for September 3, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in Department C.**

PR0001831 IN THE MATTER OF LUELLA BENSON TRUST

Successor Trustee's Notice to Creditors of Decedent Luella Benson, filed by Erin Morales on 5/28/26.

Ruling. This matter is **ordered off calendar**; this hearing was set in error.

PR0001833 IN THE MATTER OF PHILLIP D. PHYTHIAN

Petition for Probate of Will and for Letters Testamentary, filed by Ann E. Hardham on 6/1/26.

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

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 - 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 August 5, 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 26, 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 26, 2027, at 9:00 a.m.

PR0001868 IN THE MATTER OF ALEXANDRA SLANEY

Petition to Terminate the 2025 Robert Zeman Special Needs Trust Due to Changed Circumstances, filed by Alexandra Slaney on 6/22/26.

Ruling. The parties are **ordered to meet and confer** in person, by telephone, or by virtual meeting by no later than **August 21, 2026**. Any reply to the Response and Supplemental Declaration in Opposition to Petition filed by Robert A. Zeman on 7/23/26 shall be filed by no later than **August 28, 2026** or be deemed waived. **The matter is now set for September 17, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in Department C.**

PR0001889 IN THE MATTER OF ELVIRA GERTRUDE REGALLO

Petition to Establish Fact, Time, and Place of Birth, filed by Julie Ann Whitsitt on 7/10/26.

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

PRO086141 IN RE THE IAN JEFFREY DAVIES DREYER SPECIAL NEEDS TRUST, TRUST OF

Fourth Account and Report of Trustee; Petition to Settle Account and for Allowance of Fees and Costs to Attorney, filed by Lucy L. Lewis on 6/16/26.

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

1. Trustee's Fifth Account and Report for the period 1/1/26 – 12/31/27 shall be filed by **March 16, 2028**.

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2. A status hearing re filing the Second Account and Report shall be set on **April 27, 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 **April 27, 2028, at 9:00 a.m.**

PRO1804550 LOUSIE M. DAY, ESTATE OF

Second Amended Petition for Order for Final Distribution, filed by Mia Ehsani on 6/12/26.

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

PRO2100743 IN RE THE MILO O. ZADA SPECIAL NEEDS TRUST, TRUST OF

Petition for Approval of Tenth Account and Report of Trustee; for Increase in Bond; and for Allowance of Attorney's Fees, filed by Elizabeth A. Warren on 6/30/26.

Ruling. This matter is **continued to September 3, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.** The Proof of Service filed July 1, 2026, shows that only 29 days' notice was provided for the hearing on this Petition. **Petitioner is ordered to file** Proof of Service showing that all interested parties received at least 30 days' notice on the mandatory Judicial Council Form "Notice of Hearing – Decedent's Estate or Trust." (Judicial Council Forms, form DE-120.)

PRO21200267 IN THE MATTER OF THE ANDERSON FAMILY TRUST

First Account and Report of Trustee; Petition to Settle Account; and for Confirmation of Trustee Fees and Attorney Fees, filed by Elizabeth Soloway on 5/15/26.

Ruling. The court has reviewed the fee requests made in the petition and finds them reasonable and appropriate. Absent objections, this Petition will be **granted without hearing.**

PRO2102649 ESHMAIL M. SARKIS, ESTATE OF

Petition – Status Report of Administration

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 5, 2026, as required by Probate Code sections 12200-12201.
 - b. A status hearing re filing the Petition or Report shall be set on December 3, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.
 - i. If neither document has been timely filed, an appearance will be required.

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- ii. If the Petition or Report is timely filed, the hearing will be set on December 3, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

PRO2201543 WALTER R. HADDAD, ESTATE OF

1. 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.
2. Status Conference - Resolution

Ruling. The parties are ordered to appear.

PRO2203072 ROBERT E. GREELEY, ESTATE OF

Petition – Final Distribution

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

PRO2203293 IN THE MATTER OF DEBORAH A. COOPER

Eleventh Account and Report of Trustee and Petition for Settlement; for Reduction of Bond; and for Approval of Fees and Reimbursement of Costs Advanced to Attorney from Special Needs Trust, filed by Cathryn C. Jenkins on 7/1/26.

Ruling. This matter is **continued to September 3, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.** The Proof of Service filed July 1, 2026, shows that only 29 days' notice was provided for the hearing on this Petition.

Petitioner is ordered to file Proof of Service showing that all interested parties received at least 30 days' notice on the mandatory Judicial Council Form "Notice of Hearing – Decedent's Estate or Trust." (Judicial Council Forms, form DE-120.)

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Department C
10:00 Calendar

PR0000431 IN THE MATTER OF DANIEL JUDAH GARE

Status Conference – Filing of Final Inventory and Appraisal

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

PR0001401 IN THE MATTER OF SUSAN K. LOVERIDGE

Status Conference – Filing of Final Inventory and Appraisal

Ruling. Personal representative Rachael Hairston and attorney Eric Gullotta are **ordered to appear**. The Court notes that a Partial Inventory and Appraisal has been filed.

PR0001406 IN THE MATTER OF URSULA H. DEUSTER

Status Conference - Filing of Final Inventory and Appraisal

Ruling. This matter is **continued to October 8, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.**

PR0001486 IN THE MATTER OF MOHAMMAD RIZWAN

Status Conference - Filing of Final Inventory and Appraisal

Ruling. Personal representative Mohammad Afzal and attorney Huma J. Ellahie are **ordered to appear**. The Court notes that a Partial Inventory and Appraisal has been filed.

PR0001488 IN THE MATTER OF TIMOTHY D. BLOOM

Status Conference - Filing of Final Inventory and Appraisal

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

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Status Conference – Filing of Final Inventory and Appraisal

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

Judge James T. Chou
Department C
1:30 Calendar

PR000722 IN THE MATTER OF SHEILA MACDONALD

Conservator's First Account and Report for Period 11/14/2024 through 11/30/2025 and Petition for Its Settlement and Approval, filed by Cameron Bamberger on 7/23/26.

Ruling. This matter is **continued to August 27, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.** This First Account was not filed in time to provide 15 days' notice.

PR0001540 IN THE MATTER OF CAMILA MARIE LEON

Status Conference – Filing of Final Inventory and Appraisal

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

PR0001604 IN THE MATTER OF SUSAN MIGLIOLI

Status Conference – Filing of Final Inventory and Appraisal

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

PR0001810 IN THE MATTER OF GUADALUPE JAZMINE MARTINEZ

Petition for Appointment of Limited Probate Conservator of the Person, filed by Maribel Salazar Mendez, Jose Martinez, and Jorge Martinez Salazar on 5/5/26.

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 **December 3, 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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PR0001842 IN THE MATTER OF JACK KOH GOLDSTEIN

Petition for Appointment of Temporary Conservator of the Person and Estate, filed by Kristen Koh and Athena Koh Goldstein on 6/3/26.

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

PRO1700543 IN THE MATTER OF SHANILI BRITT WILLIAMS

Petition for Appointment of Successor Limited Probate Conservator of the Person, filed by Avid Eli Alavi on 5/13/26.

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

PRO2001269 LEE SUNG SERGI, CONSERVATORSHIP OF THE PERSON AND ESTATE

Third Account and Report of Limited Co-Conservators and Petition for Its Settlement, filed by Allison Huegel and James S. Sergi on 7/7/26.

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

1. Conservators' Fourth 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 Fourth Account and Report shall be set on March 23, 2028, at 1:30 for either:
 - a. Hearing on the First Account; or
 - b. Explanation as to why it was not timely filed.

PRO2203683 ERIC EWING DAVIS, LIMITED CONSERVATORSHIP OF THE PERSON AND ESTATE

Status Conference – Second Account

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

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