Tentative Rulings for November 12, 2026, Probate Calendar

Judge James T. Chou
Department C

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9:00 Calendar

PR0000111 IN THE MATTER OF THE MORTON H. GOTHELF TRUST DATED MAY 22, 2000, AS AMENDED AND RESTATED THEREAFTER

Status Conference – Petition to Approve Settlement Agreement.

Ruling. The Court has granted the petition by way of written order. This matter is **ordered off calendar.**

PRO2300998 IN RE THE MORTON H. GOTHELF TRUST DATED MAY 22, 2000, TRUST OF

Status Conference – Petition to Approve Settlement.

Ruling. The Court has granted the petition by way of written order. This matter is **ordered off calendar.**

PRO2301051 ESTATE OF MORTON HERBERT GOTHELF

Status Conference – Petition to Approve Settlement.

Ruling. The Court has granted the petition by way of written order. This matter is **ordered off calendar.**

PR0000238 IN THE MATTER OF ISAIAH 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.**

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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.**

PR0000522 IN THE MATTER OF MICHAEL GEISTER LIVING TRUST 1997 DATED SEPTEMBER 30, 1997

Petition to Reduce Bond, filed by Dru Parker on 8/4/26.

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

PR0000523 IN THE MATTER OF WAYNE N. GUTHRIE LIVING TRUST DATED SEPTEMBER 30, 1997

Petition to Reduce Bond, filed by Dru Parker on 8/4/26.

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

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

PR0001175 IN THE MATTER OF SHERMAN RONALD KELL

First and Final Account and Report of Co-Administrators and Petition for Its Settlement; for Allowance of Statutory Compensation to Co-Administrators and Attorneys; for Approval of Settlement Agreement; for Final Distribution and for Cash Reserve, filed by Abigail K. Sutcliffe and Oliver Kell. ON 10/21/26

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

PR0001178 IN THE MATTER OF THE EMIL A. TANAGHO AND MONA F. TANAGHO FAMILY TRUST DATE APRIL 19, 2019

Status Conference

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

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PR0001276 IN THE MATTER OF BEZHAD MOHIT-LINDA SOFIA VELA REVOCABLE TRUST, DATED MARCH 29, 2012

1. Status Conference – Mediation.
2. Status Conference.

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

PR0001511 IN THE MATTER OF FRANK H. ALMQUIST

First and Final Account and Report of Executor, Petition for Its Settlement, for Allowance of Executor Fees for Ordinary Services and Attorney's Fees for Ordinary Services and Petition for Final Distribution, filed by Jeanette George on 9/11/26.

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

PR0001637 IN THE MATTER OF WILLIAM FRANKLIN BURDICK

Petition for: (1) Final Distribution; (2) Approval of Report of Executor; (3) Approval of Waiver of Account; (4) Allowance of Attorney Statutory Compensation; and (5) Waiver of Executor Statutory Compensation, filed by Scott F. Burdick on 9/3/26.

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

PR0001918 IN THE MATTER OF CAMERON SHERRILL SETTLEMENT TRUST

Petition to Approve First Account and Report of Trustee from 7/10/25, Through 6/30/26, Confirm Trustee's Fees and Approve Attorneys' Fees, filed by Inspire Trust Company, N.A. on 9/10/26.

Ruling. Absent objections, the First Account and Report of Trustee 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 7/1/26 – 6/30/28, shall be filed by **September 14, 2028**
2. A status hearing re filing the Second Account and Report shall be set on **October 26, 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 **October 26, 2028, at 9:00 a.m.**

PR0001931 IN THE MATTER OF SUSAN ELIZABETH KLINEPIER

Petition for Letters of Administration, filed by John Dower on 8/6/26.

Ruling. The parties are **ordered to appear** to discuss notice to Patricia Klinepier of the corrected hearing date.

PR0001942 IN THE MATTER OF EMIL ANTHONY PERONI

Spousal Property Petition, filed by Joyce Peroni on 8/18/26.

Ruling. The parties are **ordered to appear** to discuss notice to Rick Peroni of the corrected hearing date.

PR0001968 IN THE MATTER OF BRIAN W. LIN TRUST DATED OCTOBER 23, 2023

1. Verified Petition Pursuant to Probate Code § 17200 Concerning Internal Affairs of Trust; to Compel Accounting and Production of Trust Information; for Instructions; and for Other Appropriate Relief, filed by Iris Lowenberg-Lin on 9/4/26.
2. Status Conference – Submit on Pleadings.

Ruling. This matter is **continued to January 14, 2027, at 9:00 a.m. in Courtroom C**.

PR0001969 IN THE MATTER OF T.D. WILSON IRREVOCABLE CHILDREN'S TRUST, DECEMBER 23, 2003

Petition to Determine Existence of Trust, Ascertain Beneficiaries, Appoint Trustee, and Waive Bond, filed by Thomas Wilson on 9/10/26.

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

PR0001970 IN THE MATTER OF TAKAKO ADAMSON REVOCABLE TRUST, DATED DECEMBER 14, 2017, AS RESTATED DECEMBER 4, 2023

Petition for Construction of Trust, Instructions, and Approval of Trustee Compensation, filed by Tamara Keith Fisher on 9/10/26.

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

PR0001976 IN THE MATTER OF MARIE G. McCARTHY

Petition to Determine Succession to Primary Residence, filed by Todd Brockman on 9/10/26.

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

PR0001978 IN THE MATTER OF DAVID P. AND PAMELA L. CLISHAM REVOCABLE TRUST DATED MAY 22, 2017, AS AMENDED AND RESTATED DECEMBER 18, 2024

Verified Petition to: (1) Contest and Invalidate the December 18, 2024 Amendment and Restatement – Undue Influence; (2) Contest – Lack of Capacity; (3) Determine Title and Compel Conveyance (Prob. Code § 850) with Double Damages (§ 859); (4) for a Determination of Financial Elder Abuse (Welf. & Inst. Code § 15610.30) as a Predicate to Probate Code § 859; (5) Constructive Fraud (Civ. Code 1573); (6) Breach of Trust – Duty of Loyalty and Self-Dealing (§§ 16002, 16004; (7) Breach of Trust – Failure to Protect and to Make Trust Property Productive (§§ 16006, 16007; (8) to Compel Account and Disclosure (§§ 16060 – 16062, 17200(b)(6)); (9) to Suspend and Remove the Trustee and Appoint a Successor; (§§ 15642, 15660, 17206; (1) for Injunctive Relief Preserving the Survivor's Trust; (11) for Construction of the Instruments and Declaration of Interests (§ 17200(b)(1)); and (12) for a Constructive Trust and Equitable Lien, filed by Mark Roger Taylor on 9/14/26.

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

PR0001987 IN THE MATTER OF FROMAN FAMILY TRUST

Motion to Expunge Lis Pendens on 21 Dutch Valley Lane, filed by Renee Froman and Michael Froman on 10/7/26.

Ruling. In light of the notice of withdrawal of motion filed on 11/05/26, this matter is **ordered off calendar.**

PR0001989 IN THE MATTER OF JEAN AMUNDSEN

Petition to Approve First Account of Successor Trustee, Nomination of Alternate Successor Trustee, and Plan of Distribution of Trust Assets, filed by Jean Amundsen on 9/23/26.

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

PR0002014 IN THE MATTER OF PETER M. DeGREGORY

Petition for Probate of Will and for Letters Testamentary, filed by Jacquiline DeGregory on 10/8/26.

Ruling. This matter is **continued to December 10, 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.)

PRO1802016 IN THE MATTER OF MARIAN MARSH WADE

Petition for Letters of Administration, filed by Merewairita B. Kafoa on 10/12/26..

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

PRO1702992 IN RE THE DONALD PERRY RESIDUAL TRUST, TRUST OF

Amended and Restated Petition for Approval of the Fourth and Final Account, Final Distribution of the Donald Perry Residual Trust and Discharge of the Trustee, filed by Joan E. Perry on 10/12/26.

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

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10:00 Calendar

PR0000190 IN THE MATTER OF CATHERINE EBERHARD JACOBSON

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

Ruling. A Report of Status of Administration was submitted for filing on 10/28/26; however, the required filing fee was not submitted. This matter is **continued to December 10, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.,** to confirm payment of the filing fee of the Report of Status of Administration. Once the filing fee has been paid, the clerk will assign a hearing date of December 10, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. for the Report of Status of Administration.

PR0000951 IN THE MATTER OF EMIL A. TANAGHO

1. Status Conference – Filing of Final Inventory and Appraisal.
2. Status Conference – Filing of Report of Status of Administration – or Petition for Final Distribution

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

PR0001650 IN THE MATTER OF JOY CHRISTINA MacKAY

Status Conference - Filing of Final Inventory and Appraisal

Ruling. Personal representatives Sarah J. MacKay and Andrew S. Mackay and attorney Daniel B. Newbold are **ordered to appear.**

PR0001697 IN THE MATTER OF JACQUELINE ANNE MONTES

Status Conference - Filing of Final Inventory and Appraisal

Ruling. Administrator Melissa Rose Montes, and attorney Nancy E. Lofdahl are **ordered to appear.**

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PR0001809 IN THE MATTER OF KAUSTUBH K. DAS

Status Conference - Filing of Final Inventory and Appraisal

Ruling. Administrator Miss Baishali Das is **ordered to appear.**

PR0001824 IN THE MATTER OF BRENDA JANE PEACE

Status Conference - Filing of Final Inventory and Appraisal

Ruling. Administrator Monica Pence and attorney Codi Dada are **ordered to appear.**

PR0001829 IN THE MATTER OF ROCKNE BAILEY WOODSON

Status Conference - Filing of Final Inventory and Appraisal

Ruling. Administrator Forrest Woodson and attorney Doris E. Mitchell are **ordered to appear.**

PRO2204000 WILLIAM JOSEPH CASTAGNARO, ESTATE OF

Status Conference - Filing of Final Inventory and Appraisal

Ruling. Personal representative Kelly Castagnaro and attorney Nancy Lofdahl are **ordered to appear.**

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1:30 Calendar

PR0000833 IN THE MATTER OF DANA SPARROW

First Report of Conservator, Petition for Approval of First Account of Conservator and for Approval of Attorney Fees; Petition to Allow Conservator to Treat Major Neurocognitive Disorder with Medication Pursuant to Probate Code section 2356.5(c), filed by Carrie Marguet on 9/26/26.

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

PR0001023 IN THE MATTER OF WALTER HALLANAN

1. Amended Petition for Substituted Judgment to Clarify Conservatee's IRA Beneficiary and Place Conservatee's Berkeley Real Property and Tangible Personal Property into Conservatee's Trust, filed by John Bacon, Jr. on 5/13/26.
2. Petition of Michelle Ang Hallanan, Spouse of Conservatee, for Substituted Judgment Under Probate Code §§ 2580-2583 to Provide for the Spouse in the Conservatee's Estate Plan (Trust, IRA, and 401(k)) and for an Order Authorizing Payment of a Monthly Spousal Allowance, filed by Michelle Yang Hallanan on 9/15/26.
3. Petition for Order Allowing Attorney's Fees for Counsel for Michelle Yang Hallanan Pursuant to Court Order, filed by Michelle Yang Hallanan on 9/15/26.
4. Petition for Order Approving Payment of Attorney Fees and Costs for Court-Appointed Attorney for Conservatee Walter Hallanan, filed by Woodford G. Rowland on 10/13/26.
5. Petition of Anne F. Smith for Approval of Attorney Fees and Costs, filed by Anne F. Smith on 10/27/26.
6. Petition for Fees and Costs for Attorney for Petitioner and Temporary Conservator of Estate and Trustee, filed by John Bacon, Jr. and Blake Hallanan on 10/28/26.

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

PR0001144 IN THE MATTER OF MAXWELL ASTON CADLONI AND ALEXANDER BENTLEY CADLONI

Status Conference – Filing First Account.

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

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PR0001167 IN THE MATTER OF WYATT MATTHEW SULLIVAN

First and Final Account and Report of Guardian of the Estate; Petition for Settlement and Approval of Account, filed by Matthew Sullivan on 10/22/26.

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

PR0001329 IN THE MATTER OF YARI ADIEL SOLIS

Status Conference – Filing Confidential Care Plan.

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

PR0001621 IN THE MATTER OF WALTER GREVESMUHL

Status Conference – Filing of Final Inventory and Appraisal.

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

PR0001874 IN THE MATTER OF STIG ELLING WANBERG

Petition for Appointment of Probate Conservator of the Person, filed by Erik and Victoria Wanbert on 6/25/26.

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

PR0002026 IN THE MATTER OF MAX EVAN MOLINARI

Petition for Appointment of Temporary Conservator of the Person and Estate, filed by Heather Fisher on 10/23/26.

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

PRO1204637 KAREN MARIE TRENDLE, LIMITED CONSERVATORSHIP OF THE PERSON

Status Conference – Confirmation of Transfer to San Mateo County.

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

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PRO1600357 CANDACE LEIGH WICKHAM, LIMITED CONSERVATORSHIP OF THE PERSON

1. Petition for Order Allowing Resignation of Co-conservators, filed by Stanley D. Wickham and Lisa R. Ireland on 8/20/26.
2. Petition to Appoint Successor Conservator of the Person, filed by Marin County Public Guardian on 9/22/26.

Ruling. Absent objections, these matters will be **granted without hearing.**

PRO2100745 CLYDE E. EATON, CONSERVATORSHIP OF THE PERSON AND ESTATE

Fourth and Final Account and Report of Conservator, for Exoneration of Bond, Distribution of Estate, and Petition for Attorney's Fees and Costs Advanced, filed by Emmett Eaton on 10/19/26.

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

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