

Tentative Rulings for July 10, 2025 Probate Calendar

Judge James T. Chou
Department C

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Judge James T. Chou
Department C
9:00 Calendar

PR0000427 IN THE MATTER OF KIMBERLY ROXANNE BAILEY

First and Final Account and Report of Administrator; and Petition for Final Distribution; for Allowance of Compensation to Administrator's Attorney for Ordinary Services; and for an Order of Final Distribution.

Ruling. **Continued to August 13, 2025. at 9:00.** Petitioner is ordered to file the following no later than July 24, 2025:

1. Proof of Service confirming proper notice to the Franchise Tax Board pursuant to their Request for Special Notice filed on 1/2/25;
2. Amendment to Petition to address the Creditor's Claim filed by the Franchise Tax Board on 1/2/25.

PR0000530 IN THE MATTER OF JOHN DONALD LAMOND

Petition for Approval of Report of Status of Administration and Petition Requesting Additional Time for Estate 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 on Status of Administration shall be filed by January 15, 2026, as required by Prob. C §§ 12200 & 12201.
 - b. A status hearing re filing a Petition or Report shall be set on February 5, 2026 at 10:00.
 - 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 February 5, 2026 at 9:00.

PR0000705 IN THE MATTER OF MACCRAE O'HEAGHRA

Waiver of Account and Report of Executor, Petition for Allowance of Statutory Fees to Personal Representative and Attorney and for Final Distribution.

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

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PR0000785 IN THE MATTER OF THE ARMAND AND CORRINE GREENFIELD LIVING TRUST A AND TRUST B DATED JULY 28, 2000

Status hearing re filing of Accounting of Trust B for the period 6/30/17 – 12/28/22 by Lydia Greenfield.

Ruling. **Continued to October 16, 2025 at 9:00** pursuant to Stipulated Order issued 7/1/25.

PR0000790 IN THE MATTER OF BENJAMIN R. FLETCHER

First and Final Report of Personal Representative and Request for Approval of All Actos of Administration During the Report Period; Waiver of Account; Request for Personal Representative Commissions and Statutory Attorney Fees; and Petition for Final Distribution Pursuant to the Will.

Ruling. **Continued to August 13, 2025 at 9:00.**

1. Notice must be sent directly to Tallentyre Fletcher, Jr. and Tallentyre Fletcher, Sr. unless they have directed that notice be sent in care of Paul Gruwell (CRC 7.51(a).
2. Petitioner is ordered to file the following no later than July 24, 2025:
 - a. For Tallentyre Fletcher, Jr., please file one of the following:
 - i. Proof of Service confirming direct notice; or
 - ii. Written directions to mail notice to Mr. Gruwell.
 - b. For Tallentyre Fletcher, Sr., please file one of the following:
 - i. Proof of Service confirming direct notice; or
 - ii. Written directions to mail notice to Mr. Gruwell.

PR0000843 IN THE MATTER OF SAMUEL MATTHEW GOLDBERGER

Motion for order to unseal records.

Ruling. The Motion for Order to Unseal Records is **denied**. This Court concludes venue does not lie in Marin County based upon the proceedings occurring in Mendocino County. Thus, the Court lacks jurisdiction to consider this motion.

PR0000847 IN THE MATTER OF ALLAN MARK FOX

Petition for Waiver of Account and Report of Co-Executors; Allowance of Statutory compensation; Reimbursement of Advanced Costs of Administration; and for Final Distribution.

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

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PR0000929 IN THE MATTER OF PATRICK J. GALLAGHER

Status regarding filing of final inventory and appraisal.

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

PR0001011 IN THE MATTER OF PATRICK J. GALLAGHER AND LUCILLE S. GALLAGHER REVOCABLE TRUST DATED DECEMBER 4, 1986

- 1) First Amended Petition to Determine Terms of Lost Trust; for Breach of Trust; to Confirm Trust Property; and for Constructive Trust.
- 2) Status regarding discovery; ADR discussions; and to set further proceedings.

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

PR0001020 IN THE MATTER OF JULIE JIZRAWI

- 1) Petition for letters testamentary.
- 2) Status regarding discovery; confirmation to response to objections; and to set further proceedings.

Ruling. **The parties are ordered to appear** to address status of discovery and for further setting.

PR0001021 IN THE MATTER OF JULIE JIZRAWI

- 1) Petition for Authority to File 2011 and 2016 Trusts with Redactions.
- 2) Status regarding discovery; confirmation to response to objections; and to set further proceedings.

Ruling. Petition for Authority to File 2011 and 2016 Trusts with Redactions is **denied**. **The parties are ordered to appear** to address status of discovery and for further setting.

PR0001108 IN THE MATTER OF CATHERINE MILLAR

Petition for Orders: (1) Remove Current Co-Trustees; Appoint Successor Co-Trustees; etc.

Ruling. **Continued to October 2, 2025** for results of mediation and for further setting.

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**PR0001185 IN THE MATTER OF THE PJN TRUST CREATED UNDER THE AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING
THE RICHARD AND DOLORES NAVE TRUST**

Petition for Order Modifying Trust to Grant Trustees Powers Related to S Corporation Stock Ownership.

Ruling. **Continued to August 28, 2025 at 9:00.** On June 10, 2025, Petitioner filed a Notice of Hearing referencing a Declaration of Attorney for Co-Trustees; however, Petitioner has failed to file said Declaration. **Petitioner is ordered to file such Declaration no later than July 24, 2025 and file Proof of Service confirming at least 30 days' notice of the filed Declaration to all interested parties.**

**PR0001186 IN THE MATTER OF THE KRN TRUST CREATED UNDER THE AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING
THE RICHARD AND DOLORES NAVE TRUST**

Petition for Order Modifying Trust to Grant Trustees Powers Related to S Corporation Stock Ownership.

Ruling. **Continued to August 28, 2025 at 9:00.** On June 10, 2025, Petitioner filed a Notice of Hearing referencing a Declaration of Attorney for Co-Trustees; however, Petitioner has failed to file said Declaration. **Petitioner is ordered to file such Declaration no later than July 24, 2025 and file Proof of Service confirming at least 30 days' notice of the filed Declaration to all interested parties.**

PR0001215 IN THE MATTER OF EDWIN NILS BENSON, JR

Petition for letters testamentary.

Ruling. In light of Petitioner's failure to either lodge the original will or file an Amended Petition, as previously ordered on May 15, 2025, the petition for letters testamentary is **denied without prejudice.**

**PR0001265 IN THE MATTER OF THE PETER R. VINE AND DIANA M. VINE REVOCABLE INTER VIVOS
TRUST AGREEMENT**

- 1) Petition for Order Approving Modification of Trust Terms Under Probate Code Section 15403.
- 2) Petition to appoint guardian ad litem.

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

PR0001301 THE CHARLES E. MITCHELL REVOCABLE TRUST

Petition for Order Confirming Trust Assets.

JTC

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

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PR0001312 IN THE MATTER OF DANIEL R. DOMINGUEZ

Petition for letters of administration.

Ruling. Pursuant to Probate Code Section 8402(a)(4), Amanda Dominguez is **not eligible** for appointment as a personal representative. Absent objections, this Petition will be **granted without hearing in part**, appointing Daniel M. Dominguez as **sole Administrator** with full authority.

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 13, 2025 at 10:00.
 - b. An appearance will be required on that date if the Final I&A is not filed at least 5 court days prior to hearing.
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 16, 2026, as required by Prob. C §§ 12200 & 12201.
 - b. A status hearing re filing a Petition or Report shall be set on August 6, 2026 at 10:00.
 - 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 6, 2026 at 9:00.

PR0001313 IN THE MATTER OF KIMBERLY PAIGE PATRON

Petition for letters of administration.

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 13, 2025 at 10:00.
 - b. An appearance will be required on that date if the Final I&A is not filed at least 5 court days prior to hearing.
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 16, 2026, as required by Prob. C §§ 12200 & 12201.
 - b. A status hearing re filing a Petition or Report shall be set on August 6, 2026 at 10:00.
 - 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 6, 2026 at 9:00.

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PR0001314 IN THE MATTER OF GREGORY L. GABEL

Petition for letters of administration.

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 13, 2025 at 10:00.
 - b. An appearance will be required on that date if the Final I&A is not filed at least 5 court days prior to hearing.
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 16, 2026, as required by Prob. C §§ 12200 & 12201.
 - b. A status hearing re filing a Petition or Report shall be set on August 6, 2026 at 10:00.
 - 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 6, 2026 at 9:00.

PRO2001571 DAVID FREDERICK COURY, ESTATE OF

Petition regarding surcharge and issuance of citation.

Ruling. The Petition for surcharge in the amount of \$20,416.13 against former Personal Representative James W. Haworth and attorney fees in the amount of \$2910 is **granted**; **Petitioner is ordered to appear** to address the request for issuance of a citation re contempt against James W. Haworth.

PRO2104037 DEANNE ZANE VICKERS, 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 on Status of Administration shall be filed by April 9, 2026, as required by Prob. C §§ 12200 & 12201.
 - b. A status hearing re filing a Petition or Report shall be set on April 30, 2026 at 10:00.
 - 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 30, 2026 at 9:00.

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PRO2202683 BRUCE MUNSON, ESTATE OF

First and Final Report of Administrator on Waiver of Account, Petition for Final Distribution and for Allowance of Statutory Compensation to Administrator and Attorneys for Ordinary Services.

Ruling. **Continued to November 20, 2025 at 9:00.** Executor is ordered to file, no later than July 31, 2025, Rejections of the two Creditor's Claims filed 2/14/25 (Prob. C. § 9250). Once filed and notices of the Rejections have been served, the Creditor will have 90 days to act upon these Rejections.

PRO2301116 ROBERT KINGSLEY MALOY, ESTATE OF

1. Petition to Determine Persons Entitled to Distribution; Verification; Proof of Service.
2. Amended First and Final Account and Report of Administrator, Petition for Its Settlement, for Allowance of Administrator's Fees for Ordinary Services and for Allowance of Attorney's Fees for Ordinary Services and Petition for Final Distribution.

Ruling. Absent objections, the Petition to Determine Persons Entitled to Distribution is **granted without hearing**. **The parties are ordered to appear** to address Kitty Maloy's objections to the Amended First and Final Account.

PRO2301626 IN THE MATTER OF MARTHA J. ZELLER, ESTATE OF

Executor's Report of Status 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 on Status of Administration shall be filed by September 11, 2025, as required by Prob. C §§ 12200 & 12201.
 - b. A status hearing re filing a Petition or Report shall be set on October 2, 2025 at 10:00.
 - 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 October 2, 2025 at 9:00.

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Report of Status of Administration and Request for Extension of Time to Administer Estate.

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 on Status of Administration shall be filed by January 15, 2026, as required by Prob. C §§ 12200 & 12201.
 - b. A status hearing re filing a Petition or Report shall be set on February 5, 2026 at 10:00.
 - 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 February 5, 2026 at 9:00.

Judge James T. Chou
Department C
10:00 Calendar

PR0000100 IN THE MATTER OF BRIGITTA VON FRENCKELL

Status regarding report of administration or petition for final distribution.

Ruling. **Off calendar** – Final I&A has been filed.

PR0000176 IN THE MATTER OF MARC PANKIN

Status regarding report of administration or petition for final distribution.

Ruling. **Continued to August 7, 2025 at 9:00.** The Report of Status of Administration was not timely filed; additional time for review and for proper notice is required.

PR0000371 IN THE MATTER OF HARRIET BABCOCK BROWN

Status regarding report of administration or petition for final distribution.

Ruling. **Appearance is required.**

PR0000881 IN THE MATTER OF PATRICIA LYON MILLS

Status filing of final inventory and appraisal.

Ruling. **Off calendar** – Final I&A has been filed.

PR0001000 IN THE MATTER OF ALLISON ANNE VON LACKUM

Status regarding filing of final inventory and appraisal.

Ruling. **Appearance is required.**

PR0001070 IN THE MATTER OF DOUGLAS KANG

Status regarding filing of final inventory and appraisal.

Ruling. **Appearance is required.** The Court notes that a Partial I&A was filed.

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PR0001073 IN THE MATTER OF LEE DIANE LITTLE

Status regarding filing of final inventory and appraisal.

Ruling. **Off calendar** – Final I&A has been filed.

PR0001075 IN THE MATTER OF CHRISTOPHER E. GRAINGER

Status regarding filing of final inventory and appraisal.

Ruling. **Appearance is required.**

PRO024356 JAKE LACUES, A MINOR, IN THE MATTER OF

Status regarding receipt of tenth accounting for period 01/01/23-12/31/24 or explanation as to why it was not timely filed.

Ruling. **Appearance is required.**

Judge James T. Chou
Department C
1:30 Calendar

PR0000773 IN THE MATTER OF JAYA PARIS HUGAND

Status regarding filing of final inventory and appraisal.

Ruling. **Off calendar** – Final I&A has been filed.

PR0001167 IN THE MATTER OF WYATT MATTHEW SULLIVAN

Petition to appoint guardian of estate.

Ruling. **The Parties are ordered to appear.** If this Petition is granted, Guardian shall 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 13, 2025 at 1:30.
 - b. An appearance will be required on that date if the Final I&A is not filed at least 5 court days prior to hearing.
2. First Account.
 - a. A First Account for the period ending 7/9/26 shall be filed by September 17, 2026.
 - b. A hearing shall be set on October 8, 2026 at 1:30 for either: (1) hearing on the First Account; or (2) explanation as to why it was not timely filed.

PR0001325 IN THE MATTER OF PILAR UGARTE

Petition to appoint temporary conservator of the person and estate.

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

PRO1302098 MARY MCCURDY, CONSERVATORSHIP OF THE PERSON AND ESTATE

Petition regarding payment of fees to conservator.

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

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PRO1802128 ZACHARY OWEN SWANK, LIMITED CONSERVATORSHIP OF THE PERSON

Petition to appoint conservator of the person.

Ruling. The Parties are ordered to appear. If this Petition is granted, Conservators shall comply with the following future dates:

1. Confidential Conservatorship Care Plan.
 - a. A status hearing for the filing of the Confidential Conservatorship Care Plan shall be set on November 20, 2025 at 1:30.
 - b. An appearance will be required on that date if the Confidential Conservatorship Care Plan is not filed at least 5 court days prior to the hearing.

PRO1904151 LA'NESSA WILLIAMS AND DAVION CALDWELL, PETITION FOR GUARDIANSHIP OF THE PERSON

Petition regarding modification of visitation.

Ruling. The Parties are ordered to appear.

PRO2003412 PATRICIA RAISER, CONSERVATORSHIP OF THE PERSON AND ESATE

Final accounting.

Ruling. Continued to August 21, 2025 at 9:00. As provided in the 6/12/25 minute order, **Petitioner is again ordered to comply with the following:**

The 5/1/25 ruling ordered that Petitioner “file a Third Amended Petition that is complete in and of itself” (not an amendment to petition).

An “amended petition” is defined as “a pleading that completely restates and supersedes the pleading it amends for all purposes” (CRC 7.3(3)).

The Third “Amended” Petition that was filed is not sufficient as a standalone petition and cannot be granted.

Petitioner is ordered to file the following no later than July 31, 2025:

1. Fourth Amended Petition that includes all necessary information and exhibits from the prior pleadings, that can be granted as a standalone petition.
2. Proof of Service confirming that all interested parties received proper notice of the Fourth Amended Petition (CRC 7.53(a)).

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