

Tentative Rulings for September 18, 2025 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):

1. Notify all other parties entitled to notice of the underlying petition, including the attorneys for represented parties; and
2. Advise the clerk’s office by leaving a message at **(415) 444-7046, option 5.**

There is no need to inform the Court of your intent to appear if the tentative ruling requires an appearance.

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Department C
9:00 Calendar

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. Petition for Accounting; Petition to Challenge Ownership of Trust Assets, filed by Tatyana Mironova on 4/30/24.

Ruling. Both matters are **continued to September 25, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.** for review by Judge Chou of the Stipulation and Order submitted on September 3, 2025.

PR0000557 IN THE MATTER OF KATHLEEN G. MILES

Report of Status of Administration, filed by Shane P. Sadler on 8/25/25.

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 September 23, 2027, as required by Probate Code sections 12200-12201.
 - b. A status hearing re filing the Petition or Report shall be set on October 14, 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 October 14, 2027 at 9:00 a.m.

PR0000730 IN THE MATTER OF WILLIAM CLINT STOCK

First and Final Account and Report of Administrator and Petition for Its Settlement, for Ordinary Compensation for Attorney and Administrator, and for Extraordinary Compensation for Attorney, and for Final Distribution, filed by William Edward Stock on 8/28/25.

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

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PR0001401 IN THE MATTER OF SUSAN K. LOVERIDGE

Petition for Probate of Will and for Letters of Administration, filed by Rachael Hairston on 8/11/25.

Ruling. The matter is **continued to October 16, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.** Pursuant to California Rules of Court, rule 7.51(d), notice must be mailed both to the minors and to the person(s) having legal custody of each minor, with whom the minor resides.

Petitioner requests that the Court waive bond for the proposed Administrator, both because the Will waives bond and because all beneficiaries are adults and have waived bond and the will does not require a bond.

1. The Will waives bond only for Nira L. Ray; therefore the Court will not waive bond based on the terms of the Will.
2. A minor cannot waive bond. The Court will not waive bond in this matter unless the parties petition for appointment of a Guardian ad Litem for the minors and, if appointed, that Guardian ad Litem files the mandatory form "Waiver of Bond by Heir or Beneficiary." (Judicial Council Forms, form DE-142.)

Petitioner is ordered to file the following at least five court days prior to hearing:

1. A Supplement to Petition, signed and verified by Petitioner, that provides the name(s) and address(es) of the person(s) having legal custody of the two minors, with whom each minor resides. (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 7.51(d).)
2. Proof of Service showing that all parties named in response to Issue 1 received at least fifteen days' notice of the Petition on the mandatory form "Notice of Hearing – Decedent's Estate or Trust." (Judicial Council Forms, form DE-120; Cal. Rules of Court, rule 7.51(d); Prob. Code, § 8110.)
3. Petition for Guardian ad Litem if applicable.

PR0001405 IN THE MATTER OF SARA SZOLD

Petition for Probate of Will and for Letters Testamentary, filed by Marcel Houtzager and Nathan Grossman on 8/25/25.

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

PR0001406 IN THE MATTER OF URSULA H. DEUSTER

Petition for Probate of Will and for Letters Testamentary, filed by Michael Nichols on 8/18/25.

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

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PR0001406 IN RE THE JAIME ESCAMILLA JR. SPECIAL NEEDS TRUST

First Account and Report of Co-Trustees of Special Needs Trust, Petition for Its Approval, for Fees to Trustees and to Attorney, for Fees and Costs to Guardian ad Litem, and for Decrease in Bond, filed by Dana Conklin and Jean McClune on 6/20/25.

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

PRO1900281 ANTHONY JOHN YORK, ESTATE OF

1. Petition for Final Distribution; Sixth and Final Report of Executor on Waiver of Account; and Petition for Allowance of Statutory Attorneys' Compensation and Reimbursement of Costs Advanced, filed by John C. York on 8/26/25.
2. Ex Parte Petition for Appointment of Guardian ad Litem, filed by John C. York, II on 8/26/25.

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

Judge James T. Chou

Department C 10:00 Calendar

PR000539 IN THE MATTER OF PATRICIA PATTERON DUDLEY

- 1) Status regarding report of administration.
- 2) Status regarding filing of final inventory and appraisal.

Ruling. The matter is ordered **off calendar**; the proceedings were terminated by order dated July 8, 2025.

PR0001088 IN THE MATTER OF EDWARD LOUISE DEROSIS

Status regarding filing of final inventory and appraisal.

Ruling. **Personal representative and counsel are ordered to appear.** The Court notes that a Partial Inventory and Appraisal has been filed, but not a Final. (Prob. Code, § 8800(c).)

PR0001156 IN THE MATTER OF ANETTE MARIE FALKNER

Status regarding filing of final inventory and appraisal.

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

PR0001163 IN THE MATTER OF DUANE ALLAN NIX

Status regarding filing of final inventory and appraisal.

Ruling. **Personal representative and counsel are ordered to appear.**

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PR0001209 IN THE MATTER OF CHARLES I WEXLER

Status regarding filing of final inventory and appraisal.

Ruling. **Continued to November 13, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.** If the Petition for Termination is granted, this status hearing will be ordered off calendar.

PR0001243 IN THE MATTER OF MOHAMAD KHOSROWPANAH

Status regarding filing of final inventory and appraisal.

Ruling. **Personal representative is ordered to appear.**

PRO212649 ESHMAIL M. SARKIS, ESTATE OF

Status regarding report of administration.

Ruling. The matter is **continued to October 2, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.**

Judge James T. Chou
Department C
1:30 Calendar

PR0001423 IN THE MATTER OF ELLIE BELL WALKER

Petition for Appointment of Temporary Guardian of Person and Estate, filed by Tyler L. Walker and Maria F. Walker on 8/27/25.

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

PRO015083 IN THE MATTER OF TAMARA A. EPP

Status regarding receipt from Conservator of either filing fee to Placer County Court, or a Fee Waiver Application for such fee.

Ruling. The matter is **ordered off calendar** as the filing fee has been received. The Court **confirms** the hearing re confirmation of receipt of notification of receipt of file by Placer County Court, set for October 16, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

PRO2203870 IN THE MATTER OF JACOB JOHN LILLEDAHL

1. Status regarding filing second account.
2. OSC re failure to file Second Account and failure to appear on 8/21/25.

Ruling. **Guardian and attorney are ordered to appear.**
