

Tentative Rulings for August 20, 2026, 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
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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.
 - a. Objection filed by Tatyana Miranova and Anton Mironova on 7/15/24.
 - b. Response/Objection filed by Maksim Mironov on 1/29/25.
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.
 - a. Response filed by Joshua Armel on 11/7/25; requests evidentiary hearing.

Ruling.

Parties are ordered to appear.

PR0000828 IN THE MATTER OF MAURA BURKE MOREY

First and Final Account and Report of Executor and Petition for Its Settlement for Final Distribution; for Confirmation of Costs Paid Through Attorney Trust Account; for Allowance of Compensation to Estate Tax Return Preparer; for Allowance of Statutory Compensation to Attorneys for Ordinary Services and for Extraordinary Services; and Remaining Costs, filed by Edward B. Morey on 6/11/26.

- a. Supplement to Petition filed on 7/1/26
- b. Objection filed by Alison Morey Garrett on 7/9/26.

Ruling.

Parties are ordered to appear.

PR0001288 IN THE MATTER OF ROBERT A. LAMBERT

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First and Final Account and Report of Administrator; Petition for Settlement of Account; for Allowance of Statutory Compensation to Administrator and Attorneys; for Approval of Acts; for Final Distribution, filed by Drake Tam on 7/30/26.

Ruling.

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

PR0001434 IN THE MATTER OF THE AMENDED AND RESTATED NANCY B. DREW TRUST

First Amended Petition to Invalidate the 2024 Restatement of the Nancy B. Drew Trust and 2024 Will Because of Undue Influence; for Accounting; for Recovery of Trust Property Under Cal. Prob. Code Section 850; for Damages and Attorneys' Fees for Financial Elder Abuse, Physical Elder Abuse, Negligence, Willful Misconduct, Undue Influence, Breach of Fiduciary Duties, Unjust Enrichment, and Fraud and Deceit, filed by Robert Drew and Cindi L. Baker on 1/12/26.

- a. Response/Objections filed by Mary Crowley on 2/26/26.

Ruling.

Parties are ordered to appear.

PR0001608 IN THE MATTER OF LEAH ANN SANDERS

First and Final Report of Administrator and Petition for Settlement and Approval; for (1) Allowance of Attorney's Compensation, and (2) Final Distribution on Waiver of Account, filed by Elizabeth Moreci on 7/13/26.

Ruling.

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

PR0001647 IN THE MATTER OF WILLIAM C GREENWOOD FAMILY TRUST

1. Motion to File Under Seal, filed by Gina M. Greenwood-Meinert on 3/26/26.
2. Motion to File Under Seal, filed by Gina M. Greenwood-Meinert on 4/2/26.

Ruling.

This matter is continued to October 29, 2026 pursuant to this Court's August 11, 2026 order.

PR0001702 IN THE MATTER OF GERALD K. SCHOFIELD TRUST

1. Petition for Instructions and Trust Terms Modification, filed by Lynn Schofield Clark on 3/5/26.
2. Status Conference - Mediation

Ruling.

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In light of the notice of settlement filed on July 14, 2026, this matter is now continued to December 10, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in Department C for an Order to Show Cause as to why this petition should not be dismissed.

PR0001725 IN THE MATTER OF MARTHA PETRINI

Verified Petition for: (1) Immediate Suspension and Permanent Removal of Martino Petrini as Co-Trustee/Trustee; (2) an Order Compelling Martino Petrini to Surrender Trust Property Pending Removal; (3) an Order for Payment from Trust to Petitioner of Attorney's Fees and Costs Incurred; and, (4) Instructions that Martino Petrini Not Use Trust Funds to Advance His Personal Beneficial Interest, filed by Martha Petrini on 3/16/26.

- a. Response filed by Martino Petrini on 5/5/26.

Ruling.

In light of the dismissal entered on August 14, 2026, this matter is ordered off calendar.

PR0001759 IN THE MATTER OF LISE SONNEN TRUST -- 2000 FIRST AMENDED - RESTATEMENT

Petition for Order Modifying Trust Due to Changed Circumstances Unanticipated by the Settlor, filed by Christopher Sheron on 4/10/26.

Ruling.

Absent objections this Petition will be granted without hearing. Petitioner is ordered to submit to the court a proposed order by no later than August 26, 2026.

PR0001764 IN THE MATTER OF THE SURVIVOR'S TRUST UNDER THE MCCULLOUGH LIVING TRUST

Petition for Instructions: (1) Ordering that Dona McCullough Is Appointed the Trustee for the Trusts of Patrick McCullough, Megan McCullough, and Christopher McCullough Under the Survivor's Trust Under the McCullough Living Trust Dated November 30, 1992 as Amended Effective on the Date of the Entry of the Court's Order; (2) Ordering All of the Assets of Those Trusts Be Transferred to Dona McCullough as Trustee Within Ten (10) Calendar Days of Entry of the Court's Order; (3) Denying Brian J. McCullough and Lawrence I. McCullough the Use of Any Trust Assets in Relation to This Proceeding or the Subject Trusts and That, If They Have Utilized Any Such Funds, Surcharging Them for Those Funds and Ordering Them to Return Such Funds to the Subject Trusts; (4) Enjoining Brian J. McCullough and Laurence I. McCullough from Further Breaching Their Fiduciary Duties; (5) Denying Any Trustee Fees to Brian J. McCullough and Lawrence I. McCullough in Relation to the Subject Trusts, filed by Patrick McCullough, Megan McCullough, and Christopher McCullough on 4/13/26.

- a. Response filed by Lawrence I. McCullough and Brian J. McCullough on 6/23/26.
- b. Objection/Non-Opposition filed by Lawrence I. McCullough and Brian J. McCullough on 8/10/26
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- c. Petitioners' (Patrick, Megan, and Christopher) Reply to Lawrence and Brian's objection filed on August 14, 2026, and non-opposition to appointment of Dona McCullough as Trustee of the separate share trusts.

Ruling.

JTC

Parties are ordered to appear.

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.

JTC

Absent objections this Petition will be granted without hearing.

PR0001864 IN THE MATTER OF TERRENCE A. LARSEN

Spousal Property Petition, filed by Carolyn Kelly Larsen on 6/22/26.

Ruling.

This matter is continued to September 3, 2026 for further review.

PR0001870 IN THE MATTER OF MICHAEL S. VISNICK

Petition for Probate of Will and for Letters Testamentary, filed by Paul A. Salvagiona aka Paolo Salvagione on 6/26/26.

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 January 14, 2027, 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 26, 2027, as required by Probate Code sections 12200 and 12201.
- b. A status hearing re filing the Petition or Report shall be set on September 16, 2027, at 10:00 a.m.

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- 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 September 16, 2027, at 9:00 a.m.

PR0001905 IN THE MATTER OF SALLY ANN MAGAGNA

Petition for Probate of Will and for Letters of Administration with Will Annexed, filed by Steve Shaw on 7/21/26.

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

3. Final Inventory and Appraisal.

- a. A status hearing for the filing of the Final Inventory and Appraisal shall be set on January 14, 2027, 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.)

4. 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 26, 2027, as required by Probate Code sections 12200 and 12201.
- b. A status hearing re filing the Petition or Report shall be set on September 16, 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 September 16, 2027, at 9:00 a.m.

PRO2001545 EDWARD HALL NEWBEGIN II, ESTATE OF

Tenth Report of Status of Administration, filed by Edward H. Newbegin on 7/30/26.

Ruling.

Absent objections, the Report of Status of Administration is **accepted and approved**. Petitioner is ordered to submit to the court a proposed order by no later than August 27, 2026.

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 October 1, 2026, as required by Probate Code sections 12200-12201.
- b. A status hearing re filing the Petition or Report shall be set on October 22, 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 October 22, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

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Department C
10:00 Calendar

PR0000404 IN THE MATTER OF STEVEN CHARLES FLAHIVE

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

Ruling. Personal representative Robert J. Flahive and attorney Anthony Valluzzo are **ordered to appear**.

PR0000876 IN THE MATTER OF MARIE-THERESE HYNES HELM

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

Ruling. Personal representative Edward G. Hynes is **ordered to appear**.

PR0001328 IN THE MATTER OF JEANNE C. MAHON

Status Conference - Filing of Final Inventory and Appraisal

Ruling. Personal representative Christian Parenti and attorney Joseph Fenton are **ordered to appear**.

PR0001462 IN THE MATTER OF DAVID S. MARTIN

Order - Show Cause – Dismiss

Ruling.

The Petition for request of Dismissal of Administration of Estate Proceedings and Discharge is DENIED.
This matter is ordered off calendar.

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PR0001582 IN THE MATTER OF DIANA MORELL

1. Status Conference - Filing of Final Inventory and Appraisal
2. Order - Show Cause - why counsel and the personal representative should not be sanctioned in the amount of \$149 for each: failure to appear on 07/23/26; failure to file a Final Inventory and Appraisal

Ruling. Personal representatives Juliette Boyd and Gerry Bisson and attorney Myron Greenberg are **ordered to appear.**

PR0001708 IN THE MATTER OF SIMON ANDREW CHEUNG

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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Department C
1:30 Calendar

PR0000726 IN THE MATTER OF CAMERON CHARLES FLAHIVE AND ELLA MARGARET FLAHIVE

1. Status Conference – Filing of Final Inventory and Appraisal
2. Amended First Accounting and Report of Administrator, filed by Robert J. Flahive on 8/6/26.

Ruling. The status conference re filing of the Final Inventory and Appraisal is **ordered off calendar** as that document has been filed. The Amended First Accounting and Report of Administrator is **continued to September 10, 2026, at 1:30 p.m.** Petitioner is **ordered to file** Proof of Service showing that all interested parties received at least fifteen days' notice of the Amended Petition on the mandatory form "Notice of Hearing – Decedent's Estate or Trust." (Judicial Council Forms, form DE-120; Cal. Rules of Court, rule 7.53.)

PR0001086 IN THE MATTER OF SUNSHINE SHERRY LYNN BRADLEY

Petition for Approval of First Annual Accounting, filed by Pamella Anne Bradley and Adalberto Beattie, Jr. on 6/26/26.

Ruling. This matter is **continued to September 3, 2026, at 1:30 p.m., for further review.** Co-Petitioner Adalberto Beattie is ordered to submit a declaration under penalty of perjury that the petition is true and correct. Counsel for Petitioners is directed to file a proposed order granting the petition and approving the first Annual Accounting.

PR0001736 IN THE MATTER OF BRAYAN JUNIOR GOMEZ PEREZ

Status Conference – Transfer In of Guardianship of the Person.

Ruling.

Parties are ordered present.

PRO1204637 KAREN MARIE TRENDLE, LIMITED CONSERVATORSHIP OF THE PERSON

Status Conference - confirmation of transfer to San Mateo County

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Ruling.

Parties are ordered to appear.

PRO2203068 IN THE MATTER OF THOMAS R. CHADWICK

Second Account and Report of Conservator and Petition for Its Settlement, Allowance of Conservator's Commission and County Counsel's Fees, filed by Marin County Public Guardian on 7/14/26.

Ruling.

This matter is **continued to September 3, 2026, at 1:30 p.m., for further review.**

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Judge Kelly V. Simmons
Department J
10:00 Calendar

PR0001429 IN THE MATTER OF PHILIP CHARLES GENET

Petition – Set for evidentiary hearing

Ruling.

Parties are ordered to appear.

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