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1.	26PR0003	Estate of Eien
Letters Testamentary		

Decedent died testate on January 16, 2025.

The Petition requests full authority under the Independent Administration of Estates Act.

The Will was lodged with the court on January 20, 2026, and is admitted to probate.

Petitioner was named as Executors in the Will.

The Will waives bond.

A Duties/Liabilities statement (DE 147/DE 147s) was filed on January 7, 2026.

Proof of service of notice of the hearing on the Petition was filed on January 12, 2026.

Proof of publication was filed on January 30, 2026.

**TENTATIVE RULING #1: ABSENT OBJECTION THE PETITION IS GRANTED AS REQUESTED. ANY PERSON WHO HAS AN OBJECTION MAY MAKE IT ANY TIME, EVEN ORALLY AT THE HEARING (PROBATE CODE § 1043).**

**A STATUS OF ADMINISTRATION HEARING IS SET FOR 8:30 A.M. ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2027, IN DEPARTMENT NINE. PETITIONER OR COUNSEL ARE ORDERED TO PERSONALLY APPEAR, OR FILE A STATUS UPDATE WITH THE COURT AT LEAST TWO WEEKS BEFORE THAT HEARING.**

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<b>2.</b>	<b>26PR0009</b>	<b>IN THE MATTER OF ROBERT J. FREER LIVING TRUST</b>
<b>Confirm Trust Assets</b>		

The Robert J. Freer Living Trust (“Trust”) was executed by decedent (“Grantor”) on January 27, 2005, and is attached to the Petition as Exhibit A. Schedule A of the Trust lists “all right, title and interest of the Grantor in or to any and all of the following property: . . . Any and all financial accounts” as assets of the Trust. The Grantor also executed a pour-over Will, attached to the Petition as Exhibit B, devising Grantor’s real and personal property to the Trust upon his death. Grantor further executed a ‘General Assignment of Property to the Trust’ that assigns Grantor’s “all of the property owned by Grantor that would otherwise be subject to probate on the death of Grantor”, and which is attached to the Petition as Exhibit C. However, Grantor did not re-title the name on his account at Discover Bank to the name of the Trust, nor did he designate the Trust as a beneficiary of the Discover account.

Grantor passed away on September 17, 2025, and Petitioner, who was named as the successor trustee of the Trust, agreed to act in that capacity.

The Petition requests the Court to find that the Grantor intended the Discover Bank account to be an asset of the Trust.

Probate Code § 850 permits a trustee who has a claim to property, the title to or possession of which is held by another, to file a petition requesting that the court make an order pursuant to Probate Code § 856 authorizing and directing the person having title to or possession of real property to execute a conveyance or transfer to a person entitled thereto, or granting other appropriate relief. Probate Code § 851 requires the Petitioner to serve notice of the hearing and a copy of the Petition at least 30 days prior to the hearing to each person claiming an interest in or having title to or possession of the property. When the matter concerns a decedent estate, notice shall also be given to any heir or devisee whose interest may be affected by the Petition in accordance with Probate Code § 1200.

Probate Code § 857 provides that in the event that the court issues such an Order:

(a) The order is prima facie evidence of the correctness of the proceedings and of the authority of the personal representative or other fiduciary or other person to make the conveyance or transfer.

(b) After entry of an order that the personal representative, other fiduciary, or other person execute a conveyance or transfer, the person entitled thereunder has the right to the possession of the property, and the right to hold the property, according to the terms of the order as if the property had been conveyed or transferred in accordance with the terms of the order.

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Notice of the hearing and a copy of the Petition were mailed at least 30 days prior to the hearing, to each person claiming an interest in or having title to or possession of the property, as well as any heir or devisee whose interest may be affected by the Petition. The notice and Petition were mailed on January 22, 2026, and filed on February 4, 2026.

Pursuant to Probate Code §850 and *Estate of Heggstad* (1993) 16 Cal.App. 4th 943, 947-950, the Court finds sufficient evidence that decedent intended the above-mentioned assets be part of the Trust.

The Petition further requests that the Court find the Trust to be valid and that Petitioner is the successor trustee. However, there being no case or controversy to resolve, “ [a]s a general principle, standing to invoke the judicial process requires an actual justiciable controversy as to which the complainant has a real interest in the ultimate adjudication because he or she has either suffered or is about to suffer an injury of sufficient magnitude reasonably to assure that all of the relevant facts and issues will be adequately presented to the adjudicator.” People ex rel. Becerra v. Superior Ct., 29 Cal. App. 5th 486, 495–96 (2018). To render an opinion on the validity of a Trust document “based on generalized hypotheticals and propositions rather than on a concrete case and controversy would be a granting of an advisory opinion, which we may not do.” Nisei Farmers League v. Lab. & Workforce Dev. Agency, 30 Cal. App. 5th 997, 1022 (2019).

**TENTATIVE RULING #2: ABSENT OBJECTION THE PETITION IS GRANTED TO CONFIRM THE DISCOVER BANK ACCOUNT ENDING IN 4151 AS AN ASSET OF THE ROBERT J. FREER LIVING TRUST DATED JANUARY 27, 2005, AS AMENDED AND RESTATED IN FULL ON DECEMBER 3, 2024. ANY PERSON WHO HAS AN OBJECTION MAY MAKE IT ANY TIME, EVEN ORALLY AT THE HEARING (PROBATE CODE § 1043).**

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3.	21PR0026	ESTATE OF DONALD MCKENNA
OSC Hearing		

An Order for Final Distribution was entered on January 30, 2023. There have been no appearances at subsequent status of administration hearings and nothing new has been filed since January 30, 2023.

At the hearing held on January 5, 2026, the Court set an Order to Show Cause hearing for removal and/or suspension of the personal representative and ordered the Clerk to provide notice to the personal representative or their counsel, if any.

**TENTATIVE RULING #3: APPEARANCES ARE REQUIRED AT 8:30 A.M. ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2026, IN DEPARTMENT NINE.**

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<b>4.</b>	<b>26PR0001</b>	<b>ESTATE OF MILLER</b>
<b>Letters Testamentary</b>		

Decedent died intestate on September 5, 2024, survived by four adult children. Petitioner is decedent's daughter. The other three daughters are Petitioner's half-sisters.

Petitioner has located a Will among decedent's papers which pours over all assets to a trust. However, one financial account was not included among the assets of the trust, and so Petitioner seeks to open probate for that single asset.

The Petition requests probate of a lost will. Probate Code § 8223 provides:

The petition for probate of a lost or destroyed will shall include a written statement of the testamentary words or their substance. If the will is proved, the provisions of the will shall be set forth in the order admitting the will to probate.

The copy of the Will located by Petitioner shows an entire document, including the signatures of the witnesses, but does not include the signature page for the decedent.

The Declaration of Petitioner Veronica Miller, dated November 4, 2025, Attachment 3(F)(3) to Petition, indicates that the document was uncovered by a thorough search but the original has not been located, she has searched all known storage locations, and decedent's records were in a state of disorganization at the time of his death.

In that document offered as decedent's Will:

- bond is waived;
- Petitioner is named as Executor;
- The decedent acknowledges the existence of the other three daughters but devises all property to the Trust, and if the trust is terminated or is invalid, all assets are devised to Petitioner.

Additional evidence of the decedent's intent to leave all assets to Petitioner is the fact that he designated her as the sole beneficiary on his checking and credit card accounts. See Declaration of Veronica Miller, dated November 4, 2025, Attachment 3(F)(3) to Petition.

The Petition requests full authority under the Independent Administration of Estates Act.

A Duties/Liabilities statement (DE 147/DE 147s) was filed on January 2, 2026.

There is no proof of service on file that includes the other three daughters of decedent. However, Petitioner has filed a request to dispense with the notice requirement because she has exercised all diligence to locate those individuals, including but not limited to hiring a private

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investigator, and has not been successful. Code of Civil Procedure § 415.50(a)(2) authorizes service of summons by publication:

if upon affidavit it appears to the satisfaction of the court in which the action is pending that the party to be served cannot with reasonable diligence be served in another manner specified in this article and that . . . [t]he party to be served has or claims an interest in real or personal property in this state that is subject to the jurisdiction of the court or the relief demanded in the action consists wholly or in part in excluding the party from any interest in the property.

The Court finds that Petitioner has exercised reasonable diligence in attempting to locate decedent's three daughters and may serve proof of notice of this hearing by publication.

Proof of publication as required by the Probate Code is to be arranged.

**TENTATIVE RULING #4: THE WILL ATTACHED TO THE PETITION IS ADMITTED TO PROBATE; PETITIONER SHALL PREPARE AN ORDER THAT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF PROBATE CODE § 8223. THIS MATTER IS CONTINUED TO 8:30 A.M. ON MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2026, TO ALLOW PETITIONER AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMPLETE PUBLICATION AND FILE PROOF OF PUBLICATION WITH THE COURT.**

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5.	25PR0100	ESTATE OF HITCHCOCK
Final Distribution Hearing		

Letters of Administration/Letters Testamentary were issued on June 9, 2025, granting Petitioner full authority under the Independent Administration of Estates Act.

A Final Inventory and Appraisal was filed on June 23, 2025. At the time the inventory and appraisal is filed, you must also file a change of ownership statement with the county recorder or assessor in each county where the decedent owned real property at the time of death, as provided in section 480 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code.

A waiver of account was executed by Petitioner, trustee of the Trust which is the sole beneficiary entitled to distributions under the estate.

Proof of Service of Notice of the hearing on the Petition is not required pursuant to Probate Code § 1201. No one has filed a request for special notice in this proceeding.

The Petition complies with Local Rule 10.07.12.

The Petition requests:

1. The administration of the estate be brought to a close without the requirement of an accounting;
2. All acts, transactions and proceedings of Petitioner be ratified, confirmed and approved;
3. The Administrator be authorized to pay statutory attorney fees in the amount of \$12,000;
4. Distribution of the estate in Petitioner's hands and any other property of the estate not now known or later discovered be distributed as set forth in the Petition;
5. **Upon filing of receipts and the Ex Parte Petition for Discharge, Petitioner may be discharged and released from all liability that may be incurred thereafter.**

**TENTATIVE RULING #5: ABSENT OBJECTION THE PETITION IS GRANTED AS REQUESTED. ANY PERSON WHO HAS AN OBJECTION MAY MAKE IT ANY TIME, EVEN ORALLY AT THE HEARING (PROBATE CODE § 1043).**

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<b>6.</b>	<b>25PR0363</b>	<b>ESTATE OF SALATA</b>
<b>Letters of Administration/Petition to Confirm Community Property Interest / Objection</b>		

**Petition for Probate**

Petitioner, decedent's surviving spouse, requests the Court to appoint a neutral professional Administrator from the El Dorado County Probate Panel to administer decedent's state through probate, with Will annexed.

Decedent's Will, dated July 21, 2025, is attached to the Petition for Probate as Exhibit 1, filed on December 24, 2025, and nominates his son, Jonathan Salata, as Executor, to serve without bond, and bequeaths all of his estate to Jonathan Salata. The Will expressly disinherits his other son, Daniel Salata, and while confirming Petitioner's community property interest, otherwise disinherits Petitioner, his spouse. The Will is lodged with the Court (Will No. 25WL0137) and is admitted to probate.

Although the Will waives bond, Petitioner argues that if a professional Administrator is not appointed that bond be required. This is because Petitioner intends to contest the Will on the grounds of lack of testamentary capacity, undue influence and breach of fiduciary duty affecting community property, and contends that if Jonathan Salata serves as Executor he will be controlling assets in which he has a direct personal interest. Petitioner requests bond be set at \$1,500,000 in order to cover the estimated value of decedent's known assets pending appraisal and an additional amount to cover undisclosed or newly discovered assets, subject to adjustment.

Petitioner requests a neutral professional fiduciary be selected from the El Dorado County Probate Panel, or in the alternative, nominates Anna Ballesteros, who has confirmed availability, as the proposed neutral Administrator/professional fiduciary.

**Real Property**

Prior to his death on August 6, 2025, decedent also executed a Gift Deed of his one-half community property interest in real property to Jonathan Salata, property in which Petitioner retains a community property interest with right of survivorship, according to the Grant Deed (Petition, Exhibit 2). Petition for Probate, Exhibit 3. Petitioner contends that this Gift Deed

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violates Family Code § 1100(b)<sup>1</sup>, Civil Code § 682.1<sup>2</sup>, as well as Probate Code § 850(a)(2)<sup>3</sup>, 856<sup>4</sup> and 859<sup>5</sup>.

Financial Accounts

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<sup>1</sup> Family Code § 1100(b): A spouse may not make a gift of community personal property, or dispose of community personal property for less than fair and reasonable value, without the written consent of the other spouse. This subdivision does not apply to gifts mutually given by both spouses to third parties and to gifts given by one spouse to the other spouse.

<sup>2</sup> Civil Code § 682.1(a)(1): Community property of spouses, when expressly declared in the transfer document to be community property with right of survivorship, and which may be accepted in writing on the face of the document by a statement signed or initialed by the grantees, shall, upon the death of one of the spouses, pass to the survivor, without administration, pursuant to the terms of the instrument, subject to the same procedures, as property held in joint tenancy. Prior to the death of either spouse, the right of survivorship may be terminated pursuant to the same procedures by which a joint tenancy may be severed.

<sup>3</sup> Probate Code § 850:(a) The following persons may file a petition requesting that the court make an order under this part:

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The personal representative or any interested person in any of the following cases:

(2)(A) Where the decedent while living is bound by a contract in writing to convey real property or to transfer personal property and dies before making the conveyance or transfer and the decedent, if living, could have been compelled to make the conveyance or transfer.

(B) Where the decedent while living binds himself or herself or his or her personal representative by a contract in writing to convey real property or to transfer personal property upon or after his or her death and the contract is one which can be specifically enforced.

(C) Where the decedent died in possession of, or holding title to, real or personal property, and the property or some interest therein is claimed to belong to another.

(D) Where the decedent died having a claim to real or personal property, title to or possession of which is held by another.

<sup>4</sup> Probate Code § 856: Except as provided in Sections 853 and 854, if the court is satisfied that a conveyance, transfer, or other order should be made, the court shall make an order authorizing and directing the personal representative or other fiduciary, or the person having title to or possession of the property, to execute a conveyance or transfer to the person entitled thereto, or granting other appropriate relief.

<sup>5</sup> Probate Code § 859: If a court finds that a person has in bad faith wrongfully taken, concealed, or disposed of property belonging to a conservatee, a minor, an elder, a dependent adult, a trust, or the estate of a decedent, or has taken, concealed, or disposed of the property by the use of undue influence in bad faith or through the commission of elder or dependent adult financial abuse, as defined in Section 15610.30 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, the person shall be liable for twice the value of the property recovered by an action under this part. In addition, except as otherwise required by law, including Section 15657.5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, the person may, in the court's discretion, be liable for reasonable attorney's fees and costs. The remedies provided in this section shall be in addition to any other remedies available in law to a person authorized to bring an action pursuant to this part.

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Petitioner contends that decedent made invalid beneficiary designations in certain financial accounts in which she retains a community property interest, in violation of Family Code § 1100 and Probate Code § 5201(a)<sup>6</sup>.

Paycheck

Petitioner contends that Jonathan Salata retains control of decedent's final paycheck, estimated at \$26,000.

Vehicle

Petitioner requests the Court appoint neutral Administrator to preserve this asset, valued at approximately \$110,000, pending resolution of Petitioner's Probate Code § 850 petition regarding her community property interest.

**Petition to Determine Community Property Interests ("Community Property Petition")**

Petitioner, who was married to decedent on October 25, 2008, and remained married to decedent at the time of his death, requests the Court to determine her community property interest in the assets listed above. In addition, Petitioner challenges 1) an alleged gift of community property to Robin Kistler, and 2) the designation of Sara Salata, former spouse of Daniel Salata, who may have been named as a beneficiary on community property assets held by decedent.

Although Petitioner filed for dissolution on June 18, 2024, the parties reconciled and the proceeding was voluntarily dismissed on May 8, 2025. Community Property Petition, Exhibit B.

The Community Property Petition alleges that decedent and unlawfully changed the beneficiary on his retirement account to someone other than Petitioner, and gifted \$35,000 of community property assets to Objector Robin Kistler.

The Community Property Petition further alleges that Jonathan Salata and his wife have constructively evicted her from the home in which Petitioner holds a community property interest, and for which she continues to make mortgage payments. She further alleges that and that the Gift Deed purporting to transfer decedent's one-half interest in the real property is

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<sup>6</sup> Probate Code § 5201(a): The provisions of Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 5301) concerning beneficial ownership as between parties, or as between parties and P.O.D. payees or beneficiaries of multiple-party accounts, are relevant only to controversies between these persons and their creditors and other successors, and have no bearing on the power of withdrawal of these persons as determined by the terms of account contracts.

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invalid and illegal under Family Code § 721<sup>7</sup>, 1100 and 1102<sup>8</sup> as it was executed without her knowledge and consent and purports to transfer an interest that is legally hers by right of survivorship. She further alleges that she transferred an interest in decedent's vehicle to Jonathan Salata as part of a settlement agreement offered to her under false pretenses before she was aware of the circumstances surrounding decedent's estate.

Finally, she alleges that decedent's actions in favor of Jonathan Salata were made at a time when he lacked testamentary capacity and were a result of undue influence. Petitioner also

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<sup>7</sup> Family Code § 721: (a) Subject to subdivision (b), either spouse may enter into any transaction with the other, or with any other person, respecting property, which either might if unmarried.

(b) Except as provided in Sections 143, 144, 146, 16040, 16047, and 21385 of the Probate Code, in transactions between themselves, spouses are subject to the general rules governing fiduciary relationships that control the actions of persons occupying confidential relations with each other. This confidential relationship imposes a duty of the highest good faith and fair dealing on each spouse, and neither shall take any unfair advantage of the other. This confidential relationship is a fiduciary relationship subject to the same rights and duties of nonmarital business partners, as provided in Sections 16403, 16404, and 16503 of the Corporations Code, including, but not limited to, the following:

(1) Providing each spouse access at all times to any books kept regarding a transaction for the purposes of inspection and copying.

(2) Rendering upon request, true and full information of all things affecting any transaction that concerns the community property. Nothing in this section is intended to impose a duty for either spouse to keep detailed books and records of community property transactions.

(3) Accounting to the spouse, and holding as a trustee, any benefit or profit derived from any transaction by one spouse without the consent of the other spouse that concerns the community property.

<sup>8</sup> Family Code § 1102: (a) Except as provided in Sections 761 and 1103, either spouse has the management and control of the community real property, whether acquired prior to, or on or after January 1, 1975, but both spouses, either personally or by a duly authorized agent, are required to join in executing an instrument by which that community real property or an interest therein is leased for a longer period than one year, or is sold, conveyed, or encumbered.

(b) This section does not apply to a lease, mortgage, conveyance, or transfer of real property, or of an interest in real property, between spouses.

(c) Notwithstanding subdivision (b), both of the following shall apply:

(1) The sole lease, contract, mortgage, or deed of the husband, holding the record title to community real property, to a lessee, purchaser, or encumbrancer, in good faith without knowledge of the marriage relation, shall be presumed to be valid if executed prior to January 1, 1975.

(2) The sole lease, contract, mortgage, or deed of either spouse, holding the record title to community real property to a lessee, purchaser, or encumbrancer, in good faith without knowledge of the marriage relation, shall be presumed to be valid if executed on or after January 1, 1975.

(d) An action to avoid an instrument mentioned in this section, affecting any property standing of record in the name of either spouse alone, executed by the spouse alone, shall not be commenced after the expiration of one year from the filing for record of that instrument in the recorder's office in the county in which the land is situated.

(e) This section does not preclude either spouse from encumbering that spouse's interest in community real property, as provided in Section 2033, to pay reasonable attorney's fees in order to retain or maintain legal counsel in a proceeding for dissolution of marriage, for nullity of marriage, or for legal separation of the parties.

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seeks an accounting of decedent's final paycheck and revenues collected by Jonathan Salata from tenants occupying the home which have been retained by Jonathan Salata.

Objection

The Objection filed by Robin Kistler asserts that Petitioner has no community property interest in the \$35,000 that was gifted to her by decedent and that he was legally entitled to make the gift. She alleges that at the time the gift was made decedent and Petitioner were separated and his earnings were his separate property. Objector argues that even if the funds were community property, decedent was legally entitled to make the *inter vivos* gift that represented a small portion of his earnings.

**TENTATIVE RULING #6: APPEARANCES ARE REQUIRED AT 8:30 A.M. ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2026, IN DEPARTMENT NINE.**

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7.	25PR0002	ESTATE OF GRAHLMANN
Review Hearing		

Letters of Administration were issued on February 24, 2025. An Inventory and Appraisal was filed on March 17, 2025. No status report has been filed in advance of this Review Hearing.

**TENTATIVE RULING #7: APPEARANCES ARE REQUIRED AT 8:30 A.M. ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2026, IN DEPARTMENT NINE.**

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<b>8.</b>	<b>25PR0034</b>	<b>ESTATE OF SPRINGS</b>
<b>Accounting/Final Distribution</b>		

Letters of Administration/Letters Testamentary were issued on April 7, 2025, granting Petitioner full authority under the Independent Administration of Estates Act.

A Final Inventory and Appraisal was filed on June 4, 2025. At the time the inventory and appraisal is filed, you must also file a change of ownership statement with the county recorder or assessor in each county where the decedent owned real property at the time of death, as provided in section 480 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code.

Proof of Service of Notice of the hearing on the Petition was filed on January 13, 2026. No one has filed a request for special notice in this proceeding.

The proposed distribution of the estate includes is in equal shares to the two surviving adult children of decedent, Petitioner and her brother.

The Petition complies with Local Rule 10.07.12.

The Petition requests:

1. The administration of the estate be brought to a close;
2. The First and Final Account filed with the Petition be settled, allowed and approved;
3. All acts, transactions and proceedings of the Administrator be ratified, confirmed and approved;
4. The Administrator be authorized to pay statutory attorney fees in the amount of \$29,110.06, plus \$639.94 for unreimbursed costs advanced to the estate;
5. The Administrator be authorized to pay herself \$17,885.53 in costs advanced to the estate, as detailed in Exhibit C to the Petition;
6. Approval of distribution of the estate to the persons entitled to it pursuant to the Petition for Final Distribution;
7. Distribution of the estate in Petitioner's hands and any other property of the estate not now known or later discovered be distributed to the beneficiaries as set forth in the Petition;
8. The Administrator be authorized to retain \$25,000 in closing expenses and for the preparation and payment of state and federal taxes, and to deliver the unused part to the beneficiaries of the estate without further court order after closing expenses have been paid;

9. **Upon filing of receipts and the Ex Parte Petition for Discharge, Petitioner may be discharged and released from all liability that may be incurred thereafter.**

**TENTATIVE RULING #8: ABSENT OBJECTION THE PETITION IS GRANTED AS REQUESTED. ANY PERSON WHO HAS AN OBJECTION MAY MAKE IT ANY TIME, EVEN ORALLY AT THE HEARING (PROBATE CODE § 1043).**

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9.	24PR0340	ESTATE OF TEASLEY
Final Distribution		

Letters of Administration were issued on February 24, 2025, granting Petitioner full authority under the Independent Administration of Estates Act.

A Final Inventory and Appraisal was filed on January 8, 2026.

A waiver of account was executed by the sole heir to decedent entitled to distributions under the estate. Petition, Exhibit E.

Proof of Service of Notice of the hearing on the Petition was filed on January 9, 2026. No one has filed a request for special notice in this proceeding.

The proposed distribution of the estate is to decedent's sole heir.

The Petition complies with Local Rule 10.07.12.

The Petition requests:

1. The administration of the estate be brought to a close without the requirement of an accounting;
2. All acts, transactions and proceedings of the Administrator be ratified, confirmed and approved;
3. The Administrator be authorized to pay statutory attorney fees in the amount of \$11,316.00 and \$3,000 for compensation for extraordinary services for efforts made to locate a missing heir;
4. The Administrator be authorized to pay himself \$11,316.00 in statutory compensation;
5. Approval of distribution of the estate to the persons entitled to it pursuant to the Petition for Final Distribution;
6. Distribution of the estate in Petitioner's hands and any other property of the estate not now known or later discovered be distributed to the beneficiaries as set forth in the Petition;
7. The Administrator be authorized to retain \$10,000 in closing expenses and to pay liabilities, and to deliver the unused part to the beneficiaries of the estate without further court order after closing expenses have been paid;
8. **Upon filing of receipts and the Ex Parte Petition for Discharge, Petitioner may be discharged and released from all liability that may be incurred thereafter.**

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