

1.	26PR0046	IN THE MATTER OF THE DANIEL E. WILCOXEN EIGHTH RESTATED REVOCABLE TRUST, DATED NOVEMBER 5, 2024
PETITION FOR INSTRUCTION		

Petitioner Trustee filed this Petition for Instruction on April 24, 2026. Notice of hearing and proof of service of the petition was filed on May 1, 2026.

The petition requests the court direct the trustee by interpreting the Eighth Restatement of the Trust which includes the phrase “real property” in the provision which directs the distribution of all of other personal tangible property.

Pursuant to California Code, Probate Code - PROB § 17200

(a) Except as provided in [Section 15800](#), a trustee or beneficiary of a trust may petition the court under this chapter concerning the internal affairs of the trust or to determine the existence of the trust.

(b) Proceedings concerning the internal affairs of a trust include, but are not limited to, proceedings for any of the following purposes:

(1) Determining questions of construction of a trust instrument.....

(6) Instructing the trustee.

Here the petition request the court direct the trustee and provides a declaration of the trust protector, Robert Dudugjian, that he communicated repeatedly over many years with the settlor and he believed his intent to be that all the real property be part of the trust assets AND that he did not intend to have any real property included in as part of the catch all provision stated on page 9 paragraph (x). This interpretation is consistent with the trust stated goals and overall intent as well as multiple prior restatements. Additionally, no beneficiary has filed any response reflecting factual support for an alternative interpretation.

For the reasons stated, the court orders that for the purpose of trust administration the words “real property” are struck from paragraph (x) of page 9 of the Eight Restatement, and the Trustee shall act consistent with this court’s instruction.

TENTATIVE RULING #1: ABSENT OBJECTION THE PETITION FOR INSTRUCTION IS GRANTED DIRECTING THE TRUSTEE TO ACT CONSISTENT WITH THE COURT’S INSTRUCTION TO DISREGARD THE WORDS “REAL PROPERTY” IN PARAGRAPH (X) ON PAGE 9 OF THE EIGHT RESTATEMENT.

ANY PERSON WHO HAS AN OBJECTION MAY MAKE IT ANY TIME, EVEN ORALLY AT THE HEARING (PROBATE CODE § 1043).

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2.	26PR0098	IN THE MATTER OF THE LARRY R. BRYANT AND SHARRON K. BRYANT 1990 LIVING TRUST
PETITION FOR FIRST AND FINAL ACCOUNTING		

Petitioner is Trustee of the Trust that was created **May 1, 1990 and restated February 25, 2011, July 30, 2003, and March 23, 2018**. The period covered by the report of account is **June 10, 2024 to the date of filing**.

There is no Proof of Service of Notice of the Petition filed with the court.

The Petition requests the court to issue an Order:

1 . The First and Final Report and Accounting by Trustee, as set forth herein, be approved;

2 . All of the reported acts and proceedings of Petitioner as Trustee, as presented to this court, be confirmed and approved;

3 . Distribution of one-half (h) of the Trust is confirmed as follows:

DANIEL LINAREZ, \$0.00 (balance of note due)

RAVEN R. PRATAS, \$145, 274

ROBYN BUNDERSON , \$145,274

JEANNETTE SHARP , \$145, 274

JEFF LIDEN, \$145, 274

MARY C. McELWAIN, \$145, 274

GINA D. HERBST, \$145,274

VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY, \$145,274

TRI-VALLEY RESCUE, \$145, 274

PLANNED PARENTHOOD NOR- CAL SHASTA DIVISION ,19 \$145,274

Such further order as the Court deems proper

Settling and allowing the account and ratifying, approving and confirming all actions and transactions of the trustee as set forth in the report.

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TENTATIVE RULING #2: APPEARANCES ARE REQUIRED AT 8:30 A.M. ON MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2026, IN DEPARTMENT NINE.

A STATUS OF ADMINISTRATION HEARING IS SET FOR 8:30 A.M. ON MONDAY, JUNE 14, 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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3.	26PR0099	ESTATE OF BERNARD F MULLER
Letters of Administration		

Decedent died intestate on August 20, 2025, survived by no legal issue. Petitioner is decedent's friend. On May 18, 2026 an amended petition was filed.

The Petition requests that Petitioner be appointed as Executor with full authority. (2.b.) The Petition fails to indicate whether full or limited authority is requested. (2.c.) The Petition states that the Will waives bond and requests bond be waived. There is also a bond waiver form signed by Rhonda Beyreis.

There is no Duties/Liabilities statement (DE 147/DE 147s) on file with the court, as required by Probate Code § 8404.

Proof of service of notice of the hearing on the Petition was filed on April 30, 2026.

Proof of publication was filed on May 7, 2026.

Petitioner lodged the Original Will with the Court on May 18, 2026.

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

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4.	PP20180023	ESTATE OF EDGAR SHELTON
Status of Administration/Accounting		

Letters of Administration were issued on August 5, 2025. To date, no inventory and appraisal has been filed.

Probate Code § 8800(b) requires an inventory and appraisal to be filed within four months after letters are first issued, or within such further time as is reasonable under the circumstances of the particular case that the Court may allow.

TENTATIVE RULING #4 APPEARANCES ARE REQUIRED AT 8:30 A.M. ON MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2026, IN DEPARTMENT NINE.

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5.	25PR0104	ESTATE OF DARLENE CHERNEY
Status of Administration		

Letters of Administration have not been issued despite an order being granted on October 22, 2025.

There is no Inventory and Appraisal on file with the court. Probate Code §8800 requires that the personal representative file an Inventory and Appraisal with the Court within 4 months from the issuance of letters.

TENTATIVE RULING #5: APPEARANCES ARE REQUIRED AT 8:30 A.M. ON MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2026, IN DEPARTMENT NINE.

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6.	PP20180253	ESTATE OF FELIPE DURAN
Motion for Terminating Sanctions		

Petitioner filed this motion for terminating sanctions on April 7, 2026. The motion reflects the court made an order compelling discovery responses and for sanctions against Defendant on August 31, 2023. The motion asserts Respondent has failed to comply with the order and has failed to make any payments toward the sanctions.

CCP §§ 2032.240(d) and 2032.410 authorize a court to impose sanctions under Chapter 7 of the Discovery Act, including issue, evidence, terminating or monetary sanctions, upon a Plaintiff who (1) fails to obey a court order compelling response and compliance to a demand for physical or mental examination (CCP §2032.240(d)) or (2) fails to submit to a physical or mental examination (CCP §2032.410).

The trial court should tailor the sanction for such conduct to “fit the crime.”(Reedy v. Bussell (2007) 148 Cal.App.4th 1272, 1293.) The court cannot impose sanctions as punishment; the choice of sanctions should not give the moving party more than it would have gotten had the discovery been responded to. (Doppes v. Bentley Motors, Inc. (2009) 174 Cal.App.4th 967, 992; Caryl Richards, Inc. v. Superior Court, 188 Cal.App.2d 300, 303.) Before issuing terminating sanctions, the court should usually grant lesser sanctions....”(Doppes, supra, 174 Cal.App.4th at 99.) It is only when a party persists in disobeying the court’s orders that the ultimate sanctions of dismissing the action or entering default judgment, etc. are justified. (See Deyo v. Kilbourne (1978) 84 Cal.App.3d 771.)

The court has previously sanctioned this party for failing to comply with discovery demand. The Respondent has had nearly 3 years to comply and has failed to do so. The court has utilized lesser sanctions without any effect. The court has no lesser options left to utilize at this point other than to grant the motion for terminating sanctions as requested to strike Respondent’s Response and Objection dated March 12, 2021, and order sanctions in the amount of \$500 due within 10 days.

TENTATIVE RULING #6: THE MOTION FOR TERMINATING SANCTIONS IS GRANTED. ANY PERSON WHO HAS AN OBJECTION MAY MAKE IT ANY TIME, EVEN ORALLY AT THE HEARING (PROBATE CODE § 1043).

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7.	26PR0108	IN THE MATTER THE 2021 HANNA WALKER FAMILY TRUST
Instruction Hearing		

Petitioner files this request for instruction and order of removal of the trustee on April 15, 2026. The petition maintains the current Trustee is not exercising her duties and requests (presumably) either instruction to the Trustee to act in accordance with the Trust and her legal duties IR remove her as Trustee and appoint Petitioner as Successor Trustee.

There is no proof of service of notice on file with the court.

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

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8.	PP20210160	ESTATE OF CAROLE JOHNSON
Petition for Final Distribution		

At the hearing of October 23, 2023, the Court advised Petitioner that, although a proposed Order for Final Distribution had been filed, there was no Petition for Final Distribution or notice of hearing on the Petition for Final Distribution on file with the Court. There were no appearances at the hearing of October 21, 2024. A Petition for Final Distribution was filed on March 5, 2026. However, **the court continues to have no proof of notice of the petition despite the petition asserting notices have been given as required.** The Administrator is pro per.

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

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9.	26PR0117	MATTER OF THE LARRY R. BRYANT & SHARRON K. BRYANT 1990 LIVING TRUST
Transfer in		

A Petition to Transfer Trust Administration was filed on April 8, 2026 consisting of a First and Final Report and Accounting. The court has no proof of service of any notices of the petition.

TENTATIVE RULING #9: APPEARANCES ARE REQUIRED AT 8:30 A.M. ON MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2026, IN DEPARTMENT NINE.

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10.	26PR0064	ESTATE OF MARSHA ROSE
STATUS OF ADMINISTRATION		

A status of administration report was filed May 27, 2026. The trust is solvent and it is anticipated the final accounting will be completed shortly.

TENTATIVE RULING #10: A STATUS OF ADMINISTRATION HEARING IS SET FOR 8:30 A.M. ON MONDAY, JUNE 14, 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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11.	25PR0100	ESTATE OF VALERIE GAIL HITCHCOCK
Status of Administration		

A petition for final distribution was granted on February 23, 2026. At the hearing a status of administration was set for February 22, 2027. This matter is dropped from calendar.

TENTATIVE RULING #11: MATTER IS DROPPED FROM CALENDAR. THE STATUS OF ADMINISTRATION IS CONFIRMED FOR FEBRUARY 22, 2027, AT 8:30AM IN DEPARTMENT NINE

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12.	25PR0098	ESTATE OF BREDNA SUE PIGNATA
Status of Administration		

Letters of administration were issued June 9, 2025.

There is no Inventory and Appraisal on file with the court. Probate Code §8800 requires that the personal representative file an Inventory and Appraisal with the Court within 4 months from the issuance of letters.

TENTATIVE RULING #12: APPEARANCES ARE REQUIRED AT 8:30 A.M. ON MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2026, IN DEPARTMENT NINE.

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13.	24PR0031	ESTATE OF PATSY TALBOT AKA CARTER
OSC FOR SANCTIONS/REMOVAL OF THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE		

Letters were issued on June 27, 2024. Petitioner is in violation of Probate Code §8800 for failure to file an Inventory and Appraisal within four months of Letters issuing.

Counsel for Petitioner filed a motion to be relieved, as there has been no contact with Petitioner. The estate's sole asset was the decedent's home, which was sold in a foreclosure sale in mid-November 2024. There is no proposed Order.

Nothing new has been filed since May 14, 2025.

On April 6, 2026 the court set this hearing for sanctions and suspension/removal of the personal representative. Nothing has been filed in response to the setting of the hearing.

TENTATIVE RULING #13: ABSENT OBJECTION THE COURT WILL REMOVE THE PETITIONER AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE. ANY PERSON WHO HAS AN OBJECTION MAY MAKE IT ANY TIME, EVEN ORALLY AT THE HEARING (PROBATE CODE § 1043).

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14.	26PR0103	ESTATE OF RANDY STOLLER
Letters of Administration		

Decedent died intestate on **March 12, 2026**, survived by **two adult children**. Petitioners are decedent's **children**.

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

The Petition states that the heirs have waived bond, but there are no waivers on file with the court, however Petitioners are the only heirs.

A Duties/Liabilities statements (DE 147/DE 147s) were filed on **April 10, 2026**

Pursuant to Probate Code § 1201, proof of service of notice of the hearing is not required because Petitioners are the only beneficiaries of the estate.

Proof of publication was filed on **May 7, 2026**.

TENTATIVE RULING #14: 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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15.	26PR0104	DOLBY AND TAMZIA MARPLE TRUST
Petition to Compel Accounting		

TENTATIVE RULING #15: THIS MATTER IS CONTINUED TO 8:30 A.M. ON MONDAY, JULY 6, 2026, IN DEPARTMENT NINE.