1.	26PR0198	ESTATE OF KARLA M. SMART
SPOUSAL PROPERTY HEARING		

ON THE COURT'S OWN MOTION DUE TO LACK OF JUDICIAL COVERAGE, THE COURT WILL HEAR THIS MATTER ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2026, AT 8:30 A.M. IN DEPARTMENT NINE. THERE WILL BE NO HEARING ON AUGUST 17, 2026.

Petitioner is the Personal Representative of the Estate of David Kevin Smart. David Kevin Smart ("Surviving Spouse") was the surviving spouse of Decedent, Karla M. Smart ("Decedent"), who died intestate June 26, 2022. Decedent was survived by Surviving Spouse and two sisters. Surviving Spouse died February 16, 2026. Prior to his death, he did not perfect title by removing Decedent's name as a community property owner. No petition to administer the estate has been filed.

The Subject Property was purchased on October 15, 1996, and was titled in joint tenancy. On October 26, 1998, Decedent and Surviving Spouse executed a Grant Deed transferring to themselves as Husband and Wife as Community Property, which was recorded on November 10, 1998. Petitioner asserts, based on title initially having been taken in joint tenancy, that Decedent and Surviving Spouse would have taken title as Community Property with Right of Survivorship in 1998 had said form of title been available at that time. Petitioner asserts he has not discovered any writings making a different distribution of the subject property. Petitioner requests Decedent's half of the Subject Property be confirmed to Surviving Spouse, David K. Smart.

Probate Code § 100(a) provides that "[u]pon the death of a person who is married or in a registered domestic partnership, one-half of the community property belongs to the surviving spouse and the other one-half belongs to the decedent."

Probate Code § 6401(a) states: "As to community property, the intestate share of the surviving spouse is the one-half of the community property that belongs to the decedent under Section 100."

Probate Code § 13500 provides that "when a spouse dies intestate leaving property that passes to the surviving spouse under Section 6401, . . . the property passes to the survivor . . . , and no administration is necessary."

Probate Code 13650 authorizes a surviving spouse to file a petition requesting an order that administration of all or part of an estate is not necessary because all or part of the estate is property passing to the surviving spouse.

The Petition in this case identifies residential real property that is the subject of the Petition.

Notice of the hearing on the Petition was served on Petitioner and Decedent's sisters and proof of service was filed with the Court on July 7, 2026.

Petitioner has not provided documentation (i.e., grant deed) reflecting the ownership of the Subject Property. Upon proof at the hearing, Petitioner's request is granted.

TENTATIVE RULING #1:

CONTINGENT UPON PROOF OF THE GRANT DEED, AND 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).

IF A PARTY OR PARTIES WISH TO APPEAR BY ZOOM, PLEASE CONTACT THE COURT AT (530) 621-5867 AND MEETING INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED.

2.	**26PR0204**	**ESTATE OF PAULETTE MARIE YEAROUT**
LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION		

ON THE COURT'S OWN MOTION DUE TO LACK OF JUDICIAL COVERAGE, THE COURT WILL HEAR THIS MATTER ON AUGUST 24, 2026, AT 8:30 A.M. IN DEPARTMENT NINE. THERE WILL BE NO HEARING ON AUGUST 17, 2026.

Decedent died intestate on March 22, 2022, survived by two adult children. Petitioner is decedent's daughter.

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

Waivers of bond have been filed with the court by the heirs.

A Duties/Liabilities statement (DE 147/DE 147s) was filed on July 9, 2026.

Proof of service of notice of the hearing on the Petition was filed on July 10, 2026.

Proof of publication was filed on August 4, 2026.

TENTATIVE RULING #2:

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, AUGUST 16, 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.

IF A PARTY OR PARTIES WISH TO APPEAR BY ZOOM, PLEASE CONTACT THE COURT AT (530) 621-5867 AND MEETING INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED.

3.	**26PR0200**	**THE ESTATE OF KENNETH HALL**
LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION		

ON THE COURT'S OWN MOTION DUE TO LACK OF JUDICIAL COVERAGE, THE COURT WILL HEAR THIS MATTER ON SEPTEMBER 21, 2026, AT 8:30 A.M. IN DEPARTMENT NINE. THERE WILL BE NO HEARING ON AUGUST 17, 2026.

Decedent died intestate on June 18, 2026, survived by two children, mother, and father. Petitioners are decedent's children.

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

Waivers of bond have been filed with the court by the heirs.

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

There is no proof of service of notice of the Petition on file with the court, as required by Probate Code § 8110.

There is no proof of publication on file with the court, as required by Probate Code §§ 8120, 8121.

TENTATIVE RULING #3:

APPEARANCES ARE REQUIRED AT 8:30 A.M. ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2026, IN DEPARTMENT NINE.

IF A PARTY OR PARTIES WISH TO APPEAR BY ZOOM, PLEASE CONTACT THE COURT AT (530) 621-5867 AND MEETING INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED.

4.	24PR0065	ESTATE OF JAMES HAYNES
FINAL DISTRIBUTION HEARING		

ON THE COURT'S OWN MOTION DUE TO LACK OF JUDICIAL COVERAGE, THE COURT WILL HEAR THIS MATTER ON SEPTEMBER 21, 2026, AT 8:30 A.M. IN DEPARTMENT NINE. THERE WILL BE NO HEARING ON AUGUST 17, 2026.

At the hearing on the Petition for Final Distribution on June 15, 2026, the Court ordered Petitioner to fix the deficiencies listed in the tentative ruling and continued the hearing to August 17, 2026.

On July 8, 2026, Petitioner filed a Declaration and various documents within, including an updated Petition for Final Discharge, Receipts of Distribution for both beneficiaries, and an updated Inventory and Appriasal.

Letters of Administration/Letters Testamentary were issued on May 20, 2024, granting Petitioner full authority under the Independent Administration of Estates Act.

An updated Final Inventory and Appraisal was included within the Declaration. The Declaration clarified that the estate consisted of one savings account held at Golden 1 Credit Union, which had a balance of $263,191.18 at the time of death. Decedent owed no real property at the time of death and thereby no change of ownership statement was filed as provided in section 480 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code.

Waivers of Account were executed by all the heirs entitled to distributions under the estate except Petitioner. No Waivers of Notice were filed.

Proof of Service of Notice of the hearing on the Petition was not filed. No one has filed a request for special notice in this proceeding.

The proposed distribution of the estate provides that the estate consists of cash in the amount of $263,191.18 which has been fully distributed to the beneficiaries.

Per Local Rule 10.07.12 Petitions for final distribution must include a report of the following:

1. That no federal or California estate taxes are payable or that they have been paid;
2. That income taxes and all other taxes (e.g. supplemental real property taxes or personal property taxes, if any, have been paid or otherwise provided for.

If estate taxes are payable or paid: 1) the petition shall set forth whether said taxes were prorated pursuant to Probate Code section 20100, et seq., or the provisions of the will;

and 2) the petition must reflect whether or not there are non-probate assets includable in the gross estate for estate tax purposes.

The updated Petition confirms all debts, expenses, and obligations of the estate have been paid. In addition, Petitioner provided to the Court a separate note confirming no federal or California estate or income taxes are payable.

The Petition requests:

1. Approve the final distribution of the estate;
2. Discharge Petitioner as Executor;
3. Release the bond (if any); and
4. **Upon filing of receipts and the Ex Parte Petition for Discharge, Petition may be discharged and released from all liability that may be incurred thereafter.**

To date, the Court has not received Proof of Service of Notice of the hearing on the Petition, nor any Waivers of Notice.

TENTATIVE RULING #4:

APPEARANCES ARE REQUIRED AT 8:30 A.M. ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2026, IN DEPARTMENT NINE.

A STATUS OF ADMINISTRATION HEARING IS SET FOR 8:30 A.M. ON MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 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.

IF A PARTY OR PARTIES WISH TO APPEAR BY ZOOM, PLEASE CONTACT THE COURT AT (530) 621-5867 AND MEETING INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED.

5.	25PR0000	ESTATE OF PATRICIA RAYE BUCHANAN
STATUS OF ADMINISTRATION		

ON THE COURT'S OWN MOTION DUE TO LACK OF JUDICIAL COVERAGE, THE COURT WILL HEAR THIS MATTER ON A SEPTEMBER 28, 2026, AT 8:30 A.M. IN DEPARTMENT NINE. THERE WILL BE NO HEARING ON AUGUST 17, 2026.

Letters of Administration were issued on August 18, 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.

There is no Petition for Final Distribution on file with the court.

TENTATIVE RULING #5:

APPEARANCES ARE REQUIRED AT 8:30 A.M. ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2026, IN DEPARTMENT NINE.

A STATUS OF ADMINISTRATION HEARING IS SET FOR 8:30 A.M. ON MONDAY, AUGUST 16, 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.

IF A PARTY OR PARTIES WISH TO APPEAR BY ZOOM, PLEASE CONTACT THE COURT AT (530) 621-5867 AND MEETING INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED.

6.	25PR0301	ESTATE OF ROBERT LEWIN
FINAL DISTRIBUTION HEARING		

ON THE COURT'S OWN MOTION DUE TO LACK OF JUDICIAL COVERAGE, THE COURT WILL HEAR THIS MATTER ON SEPTEMBER 21, 2026, AT 8:30 A.M. IN DEPARTMENT NINE. THERE WILL BE NO HEARING ON AUGUST 17, 2026.

Letters of Administration were issued on December 22, 2025, granting Petitioner full authority under the Independent Administration of Estates Act.

Three Partial Inventory and Appraisals were filed on June 30, 2026. Each Inventory and Appraisal is silent as to whether the requirements of Revenue and Taxation Code section 480 have been complied with. No Final Inventory and Appraisal has been filed.

Waivers of Account and Waivers of Notice have not been filed.

Proof of Service of Notice of the hearing on the Petition was not filed. No one has filed a request for special notice in this proceeding.

The proposed distribution of the estate includes 25% to Tyler Teasley and 25% to Tiana Lynn Young. The Court notes this is not a full distribution of the estate. It appears the Petition may be missing a proposed distribution, as #1 of the proposal is absent.

Per Local Rule 10.07.12 Petitions for final distribution must include a report of the following:

1. That no federal or California estate taxes are payable or that they have been paid;
2. That income taxes and all other taxes (e.g. supplemental real property taxes or personal property taxes, if any, have been paid or otherwise provided for.

If estate taxes are payable or paid: 1) the petition shall set forth whether said taxes were prorated pursuant to Probate Code section 20100, et seq., or the provisions of the will; and 2) the petition must reflect whether or not there are non-probate assets includable in the gross estate for estate tax purposes.

Petitioner confirms that no federal or California estate taxes are payable and all California or federal income or personal property taxes due and payable by the estate have been paid or are adequately secured.

The Petition requests:

1. The administration of the estate be brought to a close;
2. The first and final account of Petitioner as administer be settled, allowed, and approved as filed;

3. All the acts and proceedings of Petitioner as administrator be confirmed and approved;
4. Petitioner be allowed and credited with $9,553.94 as ordinary compensation for services as administrator;
5. Petitioner be authorized and directed to pay to George Cilley $9,553.94 as statutory compensation for services to Petitioner and to the estate;
6. Petitioner be authorized to retain $10,000 in cash for closing expenses of administration, to pay liabilities, and to deliver the unused part to the beneficiaries of the estate, as set forth in the petition, without further court order, after the closing expenses have been paid;
7. The trustee named in the petition be authorized and directed to pay out of trust corpus in her hands any and all tax deficiencies that may be assessed against the estate;
8. Distribution of the estate in Petitioner's hands and any other property of the decedent or the estate not now known or discovered that may belong to the estate or in which the decedent or the estate may have any interest be made to the persons entitled to it, as set forth in the petition; and
9. **Upon filing of receipts and the Ex Parte Petition for Discharge, Petition may be discharged and released from all liability that may be incurred thereafter.**

TENTATIVE RULING #6:

APPEARANCES ARE REQUIRED AT 8:30 A.M. ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2026, IN DEPARTMENT NINE.

A STATUS OF ADMINISTRATION HEARING IS SET FOR 8:30 A.M. ON MONDAY, AUGUST 16, 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.

IF A PARTY OR PARTIES WISH TO APPEAR BY ZOOM, PLEASE CONTACT THE COURT AT (530) 621-5867 AND MEETING INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED.

7.	**24PR0258**	**ESTATE OF PATRICIA ANN SCHURPF AKA PATRICIA ANN COSTA**
STATUS OF ADMINISTRATION		

ON THE COURT'S OWN MOTION DUE TO LACK OF JUDICIAL COVERAGE, THE COURT WILL HEAR THIS MATTER ON SEPTEMBER 28, 2026, AT 8:30 A.M. IN DEPARTMENT NINE. THERE WILL BE NO HEARING ON AUGUST 17, 2026.

Letters Testamentary were issued on January 30, 2026.

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.

There is no Petition for Final Distribution on file with the court.

TENTATIVE RULING #7:

APPEARANCES ARE REQUIRED AT 8:30 A.M. ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2026, IN DEPARTMENT NINE.

A STATUS OF ADMINISTRATION HEARING IS SET FOR 8:30 A.M. ON MONDAY, AUGUST 16, 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.

IF A PARTY OR PARTIES WISH TO APPEAR BY ZOOM, PLEASE CONTACT THE COURT AT (530) 621-5867 AND MEETING INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED.

8.	26PR0193	ESTATE OF ROBERT MICHAEL KIELBORN
SPOUSAL PROPERTY HEARING		

ON THE COURT'S OWN MOTION DUE TO LACK OF JUDICIAL COVERAGE, THE COURT WILL HEAR THIS MATTER ON AUGUST 31, 2026, AT 8:30 A.M. IN DEPARTMENT NINE. THERE WILL BE NO HEARING ON AUGUST 17, 2026.

Petitioner is the surviving spouse of Decedent, who died intestate April 18, 2026, survived by Petitioner and two adult children. No petition to administer the estate has been filed.

Probate Code § 100(a) provides that "[u]pon the death of a person who is married or in a registered domestic partnership, one-half of the community property belongs to the surviving spouse and the other one-half belongs to the decedent."

Probate Code § 6401(a) states: "As to community property, the intestate share of the surviving spouse is the one-half of the community property that belongs to the decedent under Section 100."

Probate Code § 13500 provides that "when a spouse dies intestate leaving property that passes to the surviving spouse under Section 6401, . . . the property passes to the survivor . . . , and no administration is necessary."

Probate Code 13650 authorizes a surviving spouse to file a petition requesting an order that administration of all or part of an estate is not necessary because all or part of the estate is property passing to the surviving spouse.

The Petition in this case identifies six assets as the subject of the Petition, including:

1. Marcus (by Goldman Sachs) High Yield Savings Account No. 8549 titled in the name of Decedent alone;
2. AMEX High Yield Savings Account No. 3961 titled in the name of Decedent alone;
3. Bank of America Adv Tiered Interest Checking Account No. 0600 titled in the name of Decedent alone;
4. Bank of America Advantage Savings Account No. 0845 titled in the name of Decedent alone;
5. Bank of America/Merrill Edge Account No. 3T95 titled in the name of Decedent alone;
6. Blue Jay Investors LLC titled in the name of Decedent and Petitioner, Limited Partner, 0.9195% membership interest; and
7. Blue Jay Investors Business LLC titled in the name of Decedent and Petitioner, Limited Partner, 1.0406% membership interest.

Notice of the hearing on the Petition was served on Petitioner and Decedent's children and proof of service was filed with the court on July 7, 2026.

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).

IF A PARTY OR PARTIES WISH TO APPEAR REMOTELY, INSTRUCTIONS FOR REMOTE APPEARANCES CAN BE FOUND ON THE COURT'S WEBSITE.

9.	**25PR0283**	**ESTATE OF JACK PEFLEY**
OSC/MOTION HEARING		

ON THE COURT'S OWN MOTION DUE TO LACK OF JUDICIAL COVERAGE, THE COURT WILL HEAR THIS MATTER ON SEPTEMBER 28, 2026, AT 8:30 A.M. IN DEPARTMENT NINE. THERE WILL BE NO HEARING ON AUGUST 17, 2026.

On July 2, 2026, Petitioner, Anthony Brian Pefley ("Petitioner"), filed a Motion to Vacate and Retract Respondent's Verbal Resignation as Successor Trustee. On the same date, Petitioner filed an Order to Show Cause re: Vacating Verbal Resignation, Limited Restoration of Trustee Status, Passport Surrender, Travel Restrictions, Turnover, Sanctions, and Contempt.

A Proof of Service by Mail was filed on July 24, 2026, indicating an "OSC Notice of Hearing and Exhibits 1-68" were served on July 24, 2026. The Proof of Service does not indicate how the documents were served as required in violation of Code of Civil Procedure § 1013a. Additionally, it is unclear which documents were served. The Court is not in receipt of "Exhibits 1-68" and there are two motions on calendar. The Proof of Service is not in compliance with Code of Civil Procedure § 1013a, which requires the exact title of the document served and filed.

Petitioner's request is denied due to defective service.

TENTATIVE RULING #9:

PETITION IS DENIED WITHOUT PREJUDICE DUE TO DEFECTIVE SERVICE.

10.	25PR0355	ESTATE OF WILLIAM GILBERT WALKER
FINAL DISTRIBUTION HEARING		

ON THE COURT'S OWN MOTION DUE TO LACK OF JUDICIAL COVERAGE, THE COURT WILL HEAR THIS MATTER ON SEPTEMBER 21, 2026, AT 8:30 A.M. IN DEPARTMENT NINE. THERE WILL BE NO HEARING ON AUGUST 17, 2026.

Letters of Administration were issued on February 2, 2026, granting Petitioner full authority under the Independent Administration of Estates Act.

A Final Inventory and Appraisal was filed on August 12, 2026. The Inventory and Appraisal is silent as to whether the requirements of Revenue and Taxation Code section 480 have been complied with.

Waivers of Account were executed by all the heirs entitled to distributions under the estate. No Waivers of Notice have been executed.

Proof of Service of Notice of the hearing on the Petition has not been filed. Robert Walker and Thomas Walker filed requests for special notice in this proceeding.

The proposed distribution of the estate includes 7/8th to Petitioner and 1/8th to Robert Michael Walker.

Per Local Rule 10.07.12 Petitions for final distribution must include a report of the following:

1. That no federal or California estate taxes are payable or that they have been paid;
2. That income taxes and all other taxes (e.g. supplemental real property taxes or personal property taxes, if any, have been paid or otherwise provided for.

If estate taxes are payable or paid: 1) the petition shall set forth whether said taxes were prorated pursuant to Probate Code section 20100, et seq., or the provisions of the will; and 2) the petition must reflect whether or not there are non-probate assets includable in the gross estate for estate tax purposes.

Petitioner confirms that no federal or California estate taxes are payable, nor are any California or federal income or personal property taxes payable.

The Petition requests:

1. The administration of the estate be brought to a close;
2. All acts and proceedings of Petitioner as Administrator be confirmed and approved;
3. Petitioner be authorized and directed to pay to George Cilley $15,028.98 as statutory compensation for services to Petitioner and to the estate;

4. Petitioner be authorized to retain $5,000 in cash for closing expenses of administration and to deliver the unused part to the beneficiaries of the estate, as set forth in the petition, without further court order, after the closing expenses have been paid;
5. Distribution of the estate in Petitioner's hands and any other property of the decedent or the estate not now known or discovered that may belong to the estate or in which the decedent or the estate may have any interest be made to the persons entitled to it, as set forth in the petition; and
6. **Upon filing of receipts and the Ex Parte Petition for Discharge, Petition may be discharged and released from all liability that may be incurred thereafter.**

TENTATIVE RULING #10:

APPEARANCES ARE REQUIRED AT 8:30 A.M. ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2026, IN DEPARTMENT NINE.

A STATUS OF ADMINISTRATION HEARING IS SET FOR 8:30 A.M. ON MONDAY, AUGUST 16, 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.

IF A PARTY OR PARTIES WISH TO APPEAR BY ZOOM, PLEASE CONTACT THE COURT AT (530) 621-5867 AND MEETING INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED.

11.	22PR0201	ESTATE OF ARNOLD OSCAR PLANT SR.
STATUS OF ADMINISTRATION		

ON THE COURT'S OWN MOTION DUE TO LACK OF JUDICIAL COVERAGE, THE COURT WILL HEAR THIS MATTER ON SEPTEMBER 28, 2026, AT 8:30 A.M. IN DEPARTMENT NINE. THERE WILL BE NO HEARING ON AUGUST 17, 2026.

Letters Testamentary were issued on March 8, 2023.

A Partial No. 5/Final Inventory and Appraisal was filed on June 16, 2023. The Inventory and Appraisal is silent as to whether the requirements of Revenue and Taxation Code section 480 have been complied with.

A Petition for Final Distribution was filed on January 14, 2024

An Order for Final Distribution was filed on June 6, 2025.

There are no Receipts of Distribution on file with the court.

There is no ex parte Petition for Final Discharge (Judicial Council Form DE-295) on file with the court**.**

TENTATIVE RULING #11:

APPEARANCES ARE REQUIRED AT 8:30 A.M. ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2026, IN DEPARTMENT NINE.

A STATUS OF ADMINISTRATION HEARING IS SET FOR 8:30 A.M. ON MONDAY, AUGUST 16, 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.

IF A PARTY OR PARTIES WISH TO APPEAR BY ZOOM, PLEASE CONTACT THE COURT AT (530) 621-5867 AND MEETING INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED.

12.	**25PR0215**	**ESTATE OF MARILYN MARIE POINSETT AKA MARILYN M. POINSETT AKA MARILYN POINSETT**
FINAL DISTRIBUTION HEARING		

ON THE COURT'S OWN MOTION DUE TO LACK OF JUDICIAL COVERAGE, THE COURT WILL HEAR THIS MATTER ON SEPTEMBER 28, 2026, AT 8:30 A.M. IN DEPARTMENT NINE. THERE WILL BE NO HEARING ON AUGUST 17, 2026.

Letters of Administration were issued On October 6, 2025, granting Petitioner full authority under the Independent Administration of Estates Act.

A Final Inventory and Appraisal was filed on February 18, 2026. At the time the inventory and appraisal was filed, the 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, was filed.

Waivers of Account were executed by all of the heirs entitled to distributions under the estate.

Proof of Service of Notice of the hearing on the Petition was filed on July 8, 2026. No one has filed a request for special notice in this proceeding.

The proposed distribution of the estate includes one hundred percent to Petitioner.

Per Local Rule 10.07.12 Petitions for final distribution must include a report of the following:

1. That no federal or California estate taxes are payable or that they have been paid;
2. That income taxes and all other taxes (e.g. supplemental real property taxes or personal property taxes, if any, have been paid or otherwise provided for.

If estate taxes are payable or paid: 1) the petition shall set forth whether said taxes were prorated pursuant to Probate Code section 20100, et seq., or the provisions of the will; and 2) the petition must reflect whether or not there are non-probate assets includable in the gross estate for estate tax purposes.

Petitioner confirms that no federal or California estate taxes are payable, nor are any California or federal income or personal property taxes payable.

Petitioner states no claims were filed against the estate and all debts of the decedent and of the estate have been paid; however, U.S. Bank National Association filed two Creditor's Claims on December 4, 2025. It is unclear whether these claims have been satisfied. Additionally, U.S. Bank was not served with Notice of the Hearing.

The Petition requests:

1. The administration of the estate be brought to a close without the requirement of an accounting;
2. All reported acts and proceedings of the Petitioner as herein set forth be confirmed and approved;
3. Distribution of the estate in Petitioner's hands and any other property of decedent or the estate not now known or discovered be made to the person(s) and or entities entitled to it as set forth in the Petition; and
4. **Upon filing of receipts and the Ex Parte Petition for Discharge, Petition may be discharged and released from all liability that may be incurred thereafter.**

TENTATIVE RULING #12:

APPEARANCES ARE REQUIRED AT 8:30 A.M. ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2026, IN DEPARTMENT NINE.

A STATUS OF ADMINISTRATION HEARING IS SET FOR 8:30 A.M. ON MONDAY, AUGUST 16, 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.

IF A PARTY OR PARTIES WISH TO APPEAR BY ZOOM, PLEASE CONTACT THE COURT AT (530) 621-5867 AND MEETING INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED.

13.	PP20200225	ESTATE OF ROBERT THARRAT
MOTION HEARING		

ON THE COURT'S OWN MOTION DUE TO LACK OF JUDICIAL COVERAGE, THE COURT WILL HEAR THIS MATTER ON AUGUST 24, 2026, AT 8:30 A.M. IN DEPARTMENT NINE. THERE WILL BE NO HEARING ON AUGUST 17, 2026.

On June 24, 2026, Public Administrator, Jeff Leikauf, El Dorado County, the Administrator of the Estate of Robert S. Tharatt ("Administrator" or "Mr. Leikauf"), filed a Motion to Vacate Order Appointing El Dorado County Public Administrator Jeff Leikauf as Administrator of the Estate of Robert S. Tharratt. Proof of Service of the Notice of Hearing was filed on July 17, 2026.

Administrator alleges that on January 16, 2026, Petitioner, Hilda Diaz, personally and as representative of the Estate of Joaquin Diaz; Bianca Diaz Huile; and Yadira Menchu ("Petitioner"), filed a Petition for Probate requesting that Mr. Jeff Leikauf be appointed as administrator of the Estate of Robert Steven Tharratt. Administrator was not served or notified of the Petition for Probate. Notice of Petition to Administer Estate was published in The Mountain Democrat which did not name Mr. Leikauf in the publication.

On May 7, 2026, Petitioner filed a Notice of Petition to Administer Estate of Robert Steven Tharratt. The Petition did not identify who was requested to be appointed as personal representative in number 3. Mr. Leikauf was not served or notified of the Petition to Administer Estate. On May 11, 2026, the Court heard the Petitions absent Mr. Leikauf and appointed him as Administrator. Letters of Administration were issued on May 29, 2026, naming Mr. Leikauf as Administrator.

Administrator argues that he was not provided notice before the appointment was entered, nor did he receive the petition seeking appointment, notice of the hearing, and was not otherwise informed the Court would be asked to appoint him as personal representative of the estate. Administrator asserts that had he had been provided notice, he would have advised the Court that it does not appear that there are any assets in the estate to marshal. As there are no probatable assets, there are no funds to pay the fees of the Public Administrator and the attorneys for the Public Administrator. The Public Administrator cannot use public funds to pay for administrative fees and costs of a private estate and/or actions against a private estate and therefore, Public Administrator declines appointment.

Administrator makes the following requests:

1. Vacate the Order Appointing Jeff Leikauf Administrator of the Estate of Robert Steven Tharratt;
2. Revoke any Letters of Administration issued pursuant to that order; and
3. Relieve Jeff Leikauf, Public Administrator of El Dorado County, of any obligations arising from the appointment.

Probate Code § 7620(c) instructs that the public administrator of the county in which the estate of a decedent may be administered shall promptly accept appointment as personal representative of an estate when so ordered by the court, whether or not on petition of the public administrator, **after notice to the public administrator** as provided in Section 7621. (emphasis added)

Probate Code § 7621 provides, in part (emphasis added):

> (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, appointment of the public administrator as personal representative shall be made, and letters issued, in the same manner and pursuant to the same procedure as for appointment of and issuance of letters to personal representatives generally.
>
> (b) Appointment of the public administrator may be made on the court's own motion, **after notice to the public administrator** as provided in Section 1220.

Pursuant to Probate Code § 1220, notice must be provided at least 15 days before the time set for the hearing.

The Court finds that Mr. Leikauf did not receive proper notice as required. Mr. Leikauf's Motion to Vacate is granted.

TENTATIVE RULING #13:

ABSENT OBJECTION THE MOTION TO VACATE IS GRANTED. ANY PERSON WHO HAS AN OBJECTION MAY MAKE IT ANY TIME, EVEN ORALLY AT THE HEARING (PROBATE CODE § 1043).

IF A PARTY OR PARTIES WISH TO APPEAR REMOTELY, INSTRUCTIONS FOR REMOTE APPEARANCES CAN BE FOUND ON THE COURT'S WEBSITE