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1.	26PR0215	ESTATE OF BERNARD JAMES CRANE
PROBATE WILL/LETTERS		

Decedent died testate on April 10, 2026, survived by two adult children. Petitioner is decedent's son.

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

Petitioner, John H. Crane, was named as Executor in the Will.

The Will was lodged with the court on July 27, 2026, and is admitted to probate.

The Will waives bond.

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

A Duties/Liabilities Statement (DE 147) was filed on July 27, 2026, but there is no DE-147S form on file with the court, as required by Local Rules of El Dorado County Superior Court, Rule 10.02.10.

Proof of service of notice of the hearing on the Petition was filed on July 29, 2026.

Proof of publication was filed on August 14, 2026.

TENTATIVE RULING #1:

ABSENT OBJECTION THE PETITION IS GRANTED AS REQUESTED CONTINGENT UPON THE FILING OF THE DE-147S IN COMPLIANCE WITH LOCAL RULES OF EL DORADO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT, RULE 10.02.10. ANY PERSON WHO HAS AN OBJECTION MAY MAKE IT ANY TIME, EVEN ORALLY AT THE HEARING (PROBATE CODE § 1043).

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2.	25PR0285	IN THE MATTER OF CERWONKA LIVING TRUST
PETITION HEARING		

At the hearing on July 20, 2026, the Parties requested a continuance. Nothing further has been filed since this time.

TENTATIVE RULING #2:

APPEARANCES ARE REQUIRED AT 8:30 A.M. ON MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 2026, IN DEPARTMENT NINE.

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3.	26PR0183	IN RE THE MATTER OF: THE JAMES A. AND NORMA M. DUNN FAMILY TRUST OF 2007, DATED JANUARY 17, 2007
INSTRUCTION HEARING		

On June 23, 2026, Petitioners, Gordon C. Dunn and Larry W. Janes (collectively "Petitioners"), filed a Petition by Surviving Beneficiary Gordon C. Dunn, Joined by Petitioner Larry W. Janes to Determine Claim to and Quieting Title to Real Property; For an Order Confirming Transfer of Real Property to Petitioner Larry W. Janes, Trustee; and For an Order Confirming Title to Trust Assets.

On or around August 13, 2004, James A. Dunn ("James") and Norma M. Dunn ("Norma") sold certain Unimproved Real Property and a contiguous parcel of Improved Real Property to Petitioner Janes and his wife, Cheryl, who is now deceased. A Grant Deed was recorded for the contiguous Improved Real Property, which vests title from James and Norma, husband and wife, as joint tenants, to Larry W. Janes and Cheryl A. Janes, husband and wife as joint tenants.

A Deed of Trust was executed as part of the sale of the Unimproved Real Property, evidencing a debt obligation of \$40,000 owed from Petitioner Janes and Cheryl to James and Norma, which was recorded; however, the Unimproved Real Property was not properly conveyed to Petitioner Janes and Cheryl at the time the Deed of Trust was signed and recorded.

On January 17, 2007, James and Norma Dunn established The James A. and Norma M. Dunn Family Trust of 2007. Article 3, Section A provides:

We have transferred and delivered to our Trustee the property on Schedule A without consideration. Such titles and interests as our Trustee has received or may hereafter acquire in that property and such other property as may hereafter be added to the Trust shall be vested in our Trustee.

Schedule A of the Trust specifically identifies the Unimproved Real Property by common street address and legal description; however, it does not identify the Deed of Trust executed by the Janeses in 2004 and paid in 2019.

Petitioners assert that due to omission or mistake, James and Norma did not execute a conveying instrument to convey title to the Unimproved Real Property from the Dunns to the Janeses, instead holding a Deed of Trust to the property still in their legal name.

An Assignment of Deed of Trust was recorded on April 18, 2007, which assigned the Deed of Trust to James and Norma, as Trustees of the Trust. A second Assignment of Deed of Trust was recorded on August 25, 2014, by Successor Trustee, Patricia A. Lawrence, which assigned the beneficial interest in the Deed of Trust equally to three of James and Norma's children as

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their sole and separate property: Patricia A. Lawrence, Gordon C. Dunn, and Cynthia M. Davis-Bowers. On October 23, 2019, a Full Reconveyance of the Deed of Trust was recorded.

Upon discovery of the title problem to the Unimproved Real Property, the Trustee and Beneficiaries under the Deed of Trust executed a Recission of Full Reconveyance for the Deed of Trust and Full Reconveyance which was recorded on August 6, 2025.

Petitioners assert that James and Norma intended their interest in the property to be vested in the Trust, which is evidenced by Article 3, Section A and Schedule A specifically identifying the Unimproved Real Property as Trust property. Petitioners further contend that the property listed in Schedule A is not subject to administration in James's probate estate but rather is owned by the Trustee of the Trust.

Petitioners request the following:

1. All notices have been given according to law;
2. The Petition is granted;
3. Co-Petitioner Gordon C. Dunn and Successor Trustee Lucky Lawrence shall execute a Deed of Reconveyance for the Deed of Trust dated August 17, 2004, recorded August 29, 2004, as Instrument No. 2004-0066984 affecting Parcel A.
4. Successor Trustee Lucky Lawrence and Gordon C. Dunn shall execute a grant deed from the Dunn Trust to Petitioner Larry W. Janes, Trustee for Parcel A.
5. Larry W. Janes, Successor Trustee, to be confirmed in title to Parcel A by Order of this Court.
6. For costs herein; and
7. For such other orders as the court may deem proper.

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.

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(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.

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.

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

TENTATIVE RULING #3:

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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4.	26PRO113	MATTER OF MAXIMILLAN E. HERNANDEZ SETTLEMENT TRUST
PETITION HEARING		

On July 9, 2026, Petitioner, Mia Ehsani ("Petitioner" or "Trustee"), filed a First and Current Account and Report of Trustee; Petition. Proof of Service of the notice of hearing was filed on July 24, 2026. No objection has been filed.

Petitioner seeks the following:

1. Notice of hearing of this Account, Report, and Petition has been given as required by law;
2. The Trust shall remain under the continuing jurisdiction and supervision of a Court of competent jurisdiction until further order of the Court;
3. The Court approves, allows, and settles the First and Current Account and Report of Mia Ehsani, as Trustee of the Maximillan E. Hernandez Settlement Trust, for the period April 29, 2025 through February 28, 2026, inclusive, showing receipts, disbursements, and property on hand valued at \$329,300.50, consisting of cash in the amount of \$19,408.42 and non-cash assets in the amount of \$309,892.08;
4. The Court ratifies, confirms, and approves all acts and transactions of Mia Ehsani, as Trustee of the Maximillan E. Hernandez Settlement Trust set forth in the First Account and Report, or relating to the matters set forth in it;
5. The Court approves the continued payment to Evagelina Hernandez out of the Maximillan E. Hernandez Settlement Trust in the amount of \$1,000.00 per month for her services as care provider, care manager, transportation provider, and home therapy provider;
6. The Court approves the payment of Trustee fees out of the assets of the Maximillan E. Hernandez Settlement Trust to Trustee Mia Ehsani in the amount of \$4,322.17, and authorizes payment for the outstanding balance of \$3,092.77, for Trustee services rendered on behalf of the Trust during the account period;
7. The Court approves the continued payment of interim Trustee fees out of the assets of the Maximillan E. Hernandez Settlement Trust to Trustee Mia Ehsani in the amount of \$200.00, payable monthly, for Trustee services rendered on behalf of the Trust;
8. The Trustee is allowed, authorized, and directed to pay the Law Office of Susan A. Katzen, P.C., in the amount of \$15,923.50 from the Trust assets for legal services provided during the account period;
9. The Trustee is allowed, authorized, and directed to pay the Law Office of Susan A. Katzen, P.C. in the amount of \$282.73 from the Trust assets for costs provided during the account period;

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10. The Trustee is allowed and authorized to pay interim attorney's fees to the Law Office of Susan A. Katzen, P.C. in an amount not to exceed \$500.00 per month for legal services rendered on behalf of the Trust, commencing as of June 29, 2026 and continuing for a period not to exceed twenty-four (24) months;
11. The Trustee is allowed and authorized to pay interim legal costs advanced by the Law Office of Susan A. Katzen, P.C. on behalf of the Trust;
12. The Court modifies Paragraph 8 of Attachment 13 set forth in the Los Angeles County Superior Court's Order Approving Minor's Compromise dated April 29, 2025 to state as follows: "The Court approves and authorizes the Trustee to disburse a total amount of \$1,545.00 per month from the Maximilian E. Hernandez Settlement Trust for the Beneficiary's comfort, education, support, and maintenance expenses, including but not limited to, expenses for clothing, education, therapies, extracurricular activities, counseling, and medical copays, until further order of the Court;"
13. The Court modifies Paragraph 11 of Attachment 13 set forth in the Los Angeles County Superior Court's Order Approving Minor's Compromise dated April 29, 2025 to state as follows: "The Court approves and authorizes the Trustee to disburse from the Maximilian E. Hernandez Settlement Trust an amount up to \$761.00 per month for the Beneficiary's one-third (1/3) share of household and transportation expenses, including but not limited to vehicle expenses, expenses for a comfort pet, and housekeeping expenses, until further order of the Court;" and
14. The liability of the Trustee's bond is decreased by \$19,089.00 for total bond in the amount of \$411,562.00.

TENTATIVE RULING #4:

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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5.	26PR0114	MATTER OF SAMANTHA A. HERNANDEZ SETTLEMENT TRUST
PETITION HEARING		

On July 9, 2026, Petitioner, Mia Ehsani ("Petitioner" or "Trustee"), filed a First and Current Account and Report of Trustee; Petition. Proof of Service of the notice of hearing was filed on July 24, 2026. No objection has been filed.

Petitioner seeks the following:

1. Notice of hearing of this Account, Report, and Petition has been given as required by law;
2. The Trust shall remain under the continuing jurisdiction and supervision of a Court of competent jurisdiction until further order of the Court;
3. The Court approves, allows, and settles the First and Current Account and Report of Mia Ehsani, as Trustee of the Samantha A. Hernandez Settlement Trust, for the period April 29, 2025 through February 28, 2026, inclusive, showing receipts, disbursements, and property on hand valued at \$254,444.75, consisting of \$8,485.99 in cash assets and \$245,958.76 in non-cash assets;
4. The Court ratifies, confirms, and approves all acts and transactions of Mia Ehsani, as Trustee of the Samantha A. Hernandez Settlement Trust set forth in the First Account and Report, or relating to the matters set forth in it;
5. The Court approves the continued payment to Evagelina Hernandez out of the Samantha A. Hernandez Settlement Trust in the amount of \$1,000.00 per month for her services as care provider, care manager, transportation provider, and home therapy provider;
6. The Court approves the payment of Trustee fees out of the assets of the Samantha A. Hernandez Settlement Trust to Trustee Mia Ehsani in the amount of \$3,629.33, and authorizes payment for the outstanding balance of \$2,473.45, for Trustee services rendered on behalf of the Trust during the account period;
7. The Court approves the continued payment of interim Trustee fees out of the assets of the Samantha A. Hernandez Settlement Trust to Trustee Mia Ehsani in the amount of \$200.00, payable monthly, for Trustee services rendered on behalf of the Trust;
8. The Trustee is allowed, authorized, and directed to pay the Law Office of Susan A. Katzen, P.C., in the amount of \$15,261.00 from the Trust assets for legal services provided during the account period;
9. The Trustee is allowed, authorized, and directed to pay the Law Office of Susan A. Katzen, P.C., in the amount of \$261.98 from the Trust assets for costs provided during the account period;

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10. The Trustee is allowed and authorized to pay interim attorney's fees to the Law Office of Susan A. Katzen, P.C. in the amount of \$500.00 per month for legal services rendered on behalf of the Trust, commencing as of June 30, 2026 and continuing for a period not to exceed twenty-four (24) months;
11. The Trustee is allowed and authorized to pay interim legal costs advanced by the Law Office of Susan A. Katzen, P.C. on behalf of the Trust;
12. The Court modifies Paragraph 7 of Attachment 13 set forth in the Los Angeles County Superior Court's Order Approving Minor's Compromise dated April 29, 2025 to state as follows: "The Court approves and authorizes the Trustee to disburse a total amount of \$1,055.00 per month from the Samantha A. Hernandez Settlement Trust for the Beneficiary's comfort, education, support, and maintenance expenses, including but not limited to, expenses for clothing, education, therapies, extracurricular activities, counseling, and medical copays, until further order of the Court;"
13. The Court modifies Paragraph 10 of Attachment 13 set forth in the Los Angeles County Superior Court's Order Approving Minor's Compromise dated April 29, 2025 to state as follows: "The Court approves and authorizes the Trustee to disburse from the Samantha A. Hernandez Settlement Trust an amount up to \$761.00 per month for the Beneficiary's one-third (1/3) share of household and transportation expenses, including but not limited to vehicle expenses, expenses for a comfort pet, and housekeeping expenses, until further order of the Court"; and
14. The liability of the Trustee's bond is decreased by \$19,572.00 for total bond in the amount of \$321,153.00.

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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6.	26PR0115	MATTER OF ROMAN M. HERNANDEZ SETTLEMENT TRUST
PETITION HEARING		

On July 9, 2026, Petitioner, Mia Ehsani ("Petitioner" or "Trustee"), filed a First and Current Account and Report of Trustee; Petition. Proof of Service of the notice of hearing was filed on July 24, 2026. No objection has been filed.

Petitioner seeks the following:

1. Notice of hearing of this Account, Report, and Petition has been given as required by law;
2. The Trust shall remain under the continuing jurisdiction and supervision of a Court of competent jurisdiction until further order of the Court;
3. The Court approves, allows, and settles the First and Current Account and Report of Mia Ehsani, as Trustee of the Roman. Hernandez Settlement Trust, for the period April 29, 2025 through February 28, 2026, inclusive, showing receipts, disbursements, and property on hand valued at \$262,179.51, consisting of cash in the amount of \$16,220.60 and non-cash assets in the amount of \$245,958.91;
4. The Court ratifies, confirms, and approves all acts and transactions of Mia Ehsani, as Trustee of the Roman M. Hernandez Settlement Trust set forth in the First Account and Report, or relating to the matters set forth in it;
5. The Court approves the continued payment to Evagelina Hernandez out of the Roman M. Hernandez Settlement Trust in the amount of \$1,000.00 per month for her services as care provider, care manager, transportation provider, and home therapy provider;
6. The Court approves the payment of Trustee fees out of the assets of the Roman M. Hernandez Settlement Trust to Trustee Mia Ehsani in the amount of \$3,693.83, and authorizes payment for the outstanding balance of \$2,495.13, for Trustee services rendered on behalf of the Trust during the account period;
7. The Court approves the continued payment of interim Trustee fees out of the assets of the Roman M. Hernandez Settlement Trust to Trustee Mia Ehsani in the amount of \$200.00, payable monthly, for Trustee services rendered on behalf of the Trust;
8. The Trustee is allowed, authorized, and directed to pay the Law Office of Susan A. Katzen, P.C., in the amount of \$12,715.50 from the Trust assets for legal services provided during the account period;
9. The Trustee is allowed, authorized, and directed to pay the Law Office of Susan A. Katzen, P.C. in the amount of \$280.12 from the Trust assets for costs provided during the account period;
10. The Trustee is allowed and authorized to pay interim attorney's fees to the Law Office of Susan A. Katzen, P.C. in the amount of \$500.00 per month for legal services

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rendered on behalf of the Trust, commencing as of June 30, 2026 and continuing for a period not to exceed twenty-four (24) months;

11. The Trustee is allowed and authorized to pay interim legal costs advanced by the Law Office of Susan A. Katzen, P.C. on behalf of the Trust;
12. The Court modifies Paragraph 7 of Attachment 13 set forth in the Los Angeles County Superior Court's Order Approving Minor's Compromise dated April 29, 2025 to state as follows: "The Court approves and authorizes the Trustee to disburse a total amount of \$720.00 per month from the Roman M. Hernandez Settlement Trust for the Beneficiary's comfort, education, support, and maintenance expenses, including but not limited to, expenses for clothing, education, therapies, extracurricular activities, counseling, and medical copays, until further order of the Court;"
13. The Court modifies Paragraph 10 of Attachment 13 set forth in the Los Angeles County Superior Court's Order Approving Minor's Compromise dated April 29, 2025 to state as follows: "The Court approves and authorizes the Trustee to disburse from the Roman M. Hernandez Settlement Trust an amount up to \$761.00 per month for the Beneficiary's one-third (1/3) share of household and transportation expenses, including but not limited to vehicle expenses, expenses for a comfort pet, and housekeeping expenses, until further order of the Court"; and
14. The liability of the Trustee's bond is increased by \$9,043.00 for total bond in the amount of \$325,480.00.

TENTATIVE RULING #6:

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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7.	25PR0276	IN THE MATTER OF STEVEN LEE STUBBS
FINAL DISTRIBUTION HEARING		

Letters of Administration were issued on January 20, 2026, granting Petitioner full authority under the Independent Administration of Estates Act.

A Final Inventory and Appraisal was filed on May 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.

Proof of Service of Notice of the hearing on the Petition was filed on August 3, 2026. No one has filed a request for special notice in this proceeding.

The proposed distribution of the estate includes one-third to Jeannie Weeks, one-third to Doris Criss, one-third to the issue of Susan Buckley, divided as follows: one-fourth to Jessica A. Landis, one-fourth to Carla S. Mueller, one-fourth to Shaun L. Buckley, and one-fourth to Brian L. Buckley.

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 personal property taxes payable. California and federal income taxes have been paid.

The Petition requests:

1. The administration of this estate be brought to a close;
2. The Final Accounting of Petitioner as Personal Representative be settled, allowed, and approved as filed;
3. All the acts and proceedings of Petitioner as Personal Representative as alleged in the petition be confirmed and approved;
4. All creditor claims not properly filed with the court and served on the estate be barred.

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5. Personal Representative be authorized and directed to pay herself \$11,200.00 for statutory fees for her services to this estate;
6. Personal Representative be authorized and directed to pay her attorney, Clara Yang, \$11,200.00 for statutory fees for her legal services to Personal Representative and to this estate;
7. Personal Representative be authorized and directed to pay herself \$6,042.67 for the expenses she incurred while administering this estate;
8. The residual property of the estate together with any other property of the Decedent not now known or discovered should be distributed as follows: 1/3 (One-Third) to Jeannie Weeks, decedent's sister, per Probate Code section 6402 1/3 (One-Third) to Doris Criss, the decedent's sister, per Probate Code section 6402 1/3 (One-Third) to the issue of Susan Buckley, the decedent's deceased sister, per Probate Code Section 6402, divided as follows: 1/4 (One-Fourth) to Jessica A. Landis 1/4 (One-Fourth) to Carla S. Mueller 1/4 (One-Fourth) to Shaun L. Buckley 1/4 (One-Fourth) to Brian L. Buckley; 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 #7:

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 30, 2027, IN DEPARTMENT NINE BY WHICH TIME THE COURT EXPECTS RECEIPTS AND AN EX PARTE PETITION FOR FINAL DISCHARGE (JUDICIAL COUNCIL FORM DE-295) TO BE FILED WITH THE COURT. 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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8.	PP20040077	ESTATE OF FRANCIS M. HANSEN
PETITION HEARING		

On July 6, 2026, Petitioner, Debbie Altizio ("Petitioner" or "Trustee"), filed a Petition to Withdraw Funds from Blocked Account. Petitioner requests the full balance of account number 1009 held at Citizens Business Bank titled in the name of Debbie Altizio, Trustee of the subtrust of the Hansen Family Trust FBO Kevin Richard Hansen, be disbursed to her and to close the account.

The Court is not in receipt of the trust instrument or proof of the existing blocked account. Contingent upon proof of the blocked account and trust instrument, Petitioner's request is granted.

TENTATIVE RULING #8:

CONTINGENT UPON PROOF OF THE BLOCKED ACCOUNT AND TRUST INSTRUMENT, PETITIONER'S REQUEST 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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9.	26PR0193	ESTATE OF ROBERT MICHAEL KIELBORN
PETITION TO APPOINT SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE/TRANSFER IN RE REMOVAL OF TRUSTEE		

This matter was continued from August 17, 2026. The tentative ruling issued on August 17, 2026, remains in effect.

TENTATIVE RULING #9:

THE TENTATIVE RULING ISSUED ON AUGUST 17, 2026, REMAINS IN EFFECT.

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10.	25PRO246	IN THE MATTER OF JOHN DAVID MCLLWAIN
FINAL DISTRIBUTION HEARING		

Letters of Administration were issued on November 10, 2025, granting Petitioner full authority under the Independent Administration of Estates Act.

A Final Inventory and Appraisal was filed on July 14, 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 the heirs entitled to distributions under the estate.

Proof of Service of Notice of the hearing on the Petition was filed on August 20, 2026. No one has filed a request for special notice in this proceeding.

The proposed distribution of the estate includes equal shares to James McIlwain and Ann McIlwain.

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

3. That no federal or California estate taxes are payable or that they have been paid;
4. 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. All California and federal income taxes, personal property taxes, and real property taxes have been paid.

The Petition requests:

1. The administration of this estate be closed;
2. The First and Final Report and Petition of Petitioner presented herewith be approved;

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3. All acts, transactions, sales, and investments of the personal representative as reported herein be ratified, approved, and confirmed; (a) Acts consist of: collection of property, sale of real property;
4. The waiver of account is allowed and approved as filed;
5. Petitioner waives any statutory fee to which they are entitled to as Administrator;
6. Petitioner be authorized and directed to pay \$17,574.88 to the Law Offices of Daniel A. Hunt as statutory fees;
7. The property of the estate be distributed as set forth pursuant to this petition, in equal shares to the natural heirs of the estate, namely James McIlwain and Ann McIlwain, without further order of this Court;
8. Distribution of any other property of the decedent or the estate not now known or discovered be made in equal shares to the natural heirs of the estate, namely James McIlwain and Ann McIlwain, without further order of this Court; 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 #10:

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 30, 2027, IN DEPARTMENT NINE BY WHICH TIME THE COURT EXPECTS RECEIPTS AND AN EX PARTE PETITION FOR FINAL DISCHARGE (JUDICIAL COUNCIL FORM DE-295) TO BE FILED WITH THE COURT. 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.	22PR0043	IN THE MATTER OF CHERYL ANN COOPER
OSC HEARING		

An Order for Final Distribution was entered on September 7, 2023. Administrator has not filed anything further or appeared in this matter since this time.

At the hearing on July 27, 2026, the Court set an OSC hearing regarding removal/sanctions of Trustee on August 31, 2026. Since this time, nothing further has been filed.

TENTATIVE RULING #11:

APPEARANCES ARE REQUIRED AT 8:30 A.M. ON MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 2026, IN DEPARTMENT NINE.

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12.	25PR0332	MATTER OF WINTERS FAMILY TRUST DATED 12-15-1996
PETITION HEARING		

On May 5, 2026, Petitioner, Jeffrey Murray, Sr. ("Petitioner" or "Trustee"), filed a Petition for Settlement of First and Final Account and Report of Trustee. On June 16, 2026, Objector, Robin Kappeler Mullin ("Objector"), filed an Objection.

Petitioner requests the following:

1. The Court determine that notice of hearing has been given as required by law;
2. The Court determine that this First and Final Account and Report of Trustee is settled, allowed, and approved, and all acts and transactions of Trustee set forth in it or relating to the matters set forth in it, are ratified, confirmed and approved; and
3. The Court make such other relief as it considers proper.

On March 5, 2026, the Court ordered Trustee to, in part, provide tax returns, filed for the Winters Trust dated May 5, 1989 (Family Trust) and Winters Farm, Inc., from the date of Carolyn Winters' death to present on or before April 30, 2026. Objector contends that to date, the tax returns have not been received, and therefore, she cannot assess the Trustee's accounting.

Objector requests the following:

1. That the Court deny the Petition for Settlement of First and Final Account and Report of Trustee in its entirety;
2. That the Court compel the de facto successor Trustee, Jeffrey Murray, Sr., to provide tax returns for the Winters Family Trust and Winter Farms, from September 29, 2019, to date; and
3. For such further relief as the Court deems appropriate and proper.

At the hearing on June 22, 2026, the Court continued the matter to August 31, 2026. Nothing further has been filed since this time.

TENTATIVE RULING #12:

APPEARANCES ARE REQUIRED AT 8:30 A.M. ON MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 2026, IN DEPARTMENT NINE.

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13.	26PR0214	ESTATE OF BRENT HENDERSON BINETTI
LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION		

Decedent died intestate on April 15, 2026, survived by issue of deceased parents.
Petitioner is decedent's sister.

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

Waiver of bond has been filed with the court by the heir.

A Duties/Liabilities statement (DE 147/DE 147s) was filed on July 24, 2024.

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

Proof of publication was filed on August 14, 2026.

TENTATIVE RULING #13:

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 30, 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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14.	26PR0216	ESTATE OF PATRICK C. O'BRIEN
LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION		

Decedent died intestate on July 28, 2026, survived by one adult child. Petitioner is decedent's son.

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

Waiver of bond has been filed with the court by the heir.

A Duties/Liabilities statement (DE 147/DE 147s) was filed on July 28, 2026.

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

Proof of publication was filed on August 26, 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.	25PR0265	ESTATE OF DAVID Z HILL, JR
PETITION HEARING		

On July 13, 2026, Petitioner, Jacqueline R. Thomas ("Petitioner"), filed a Petition for Removal of Personal Representative and for Appointment of Successor Administrator. On August 17, 2026, Respondent, Lori O'Rourke ("Respondent"), filed an Opposition and a Request for Judicial Notice.

JUDICIAL NOTICE

Respondent requests judicial notice of the following: 1) The Petition to Establish Parental Relationship (Uniform Parentage) filed March 17, 2011; and 2) Notice of Entry of Judgment and Judgment (Uniform Parentage-Custody and Support) filed and entered on May 3, 2011.

Judicial notice is a mechanism which allows the court to take into consideration matters which are presumed to be indisputably true. California Evidence Code Sections 451, 452, and 453 govern the circumstances in which judicial notice of a matter may be taken. While Section 451 provides a comprehensive list of matters that must be judicially noticed, Section 452 sets forth matters which *may* be judicially noticed, including "[r]ecords of (1) any court of this state or (2) any court of record of the United States or of any state of the United States."

Section 452 provides that the court "may" take judicial notice of the matters listed therein, while Section 453 provides a caveat that the court "shall" take judicial notice of any matter "specified in Section 452 if a party requests it and: (a) Gives each adverse party sufficient notice of the request...to enable such adverse party to prepare to meet the request; and (b) Furnishes the court with sufficient information to enable it to take judicial notice of the matter." Cal. Evid. Code § 453.

While the requests made by Respondent fall within the purview of Section 452, matters which *may* be judicially noticed, the Court does find that Respondent provided Petitioner and the Court sufficient notice of the request and copies of the documents requested to be noticed. As such, Respondent has satisfied the requirements of Evidence Code § 453 and the request for judicial notice is granted.

PETITION FOR REMOVAL

The Notice of Entry of Judgment found Decedent is the father of Aubrey Hill ("Aubrey"). As an heir of the Decedent, Aubrey is entitled to notice of the hearing. Proof of Service of the Notice of Hearing was filed on July 13, 2026, indicating Respondent was served. There is no Proof of Service indicating Aubrey, a minor, whose guardian ad litem is Marcy O'Rourke, was served. Petitioner's request is denied for lack of notice.

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TENTATIVE RULING #15:

PETITION IS DENIED WITHOUT PREJUDICE FOR LACK OF NOTICE. ANY PERSON WHO HAS AN OBJECTION MAY MAKE IT AT ANY TIME, EVEN ORALLY AT THE HEARING (PROBATE CODE § 1043).

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16.	21PR0038	ESTATE OF DAN'L G. ROEDIGER
PETITION HEARING		

On July 29, 2026, Petitioner, Tina Roediger-Chaney ("Petitioner"), filed a Petition for Preliminary Distribution. A Notice of Hearing was filed on July 30, 2026. An Opposition was filed by Administrator, Teri C. Petersen ("Administrator") on August 20, 2026. Petitioner filed a Reply on August 24, 2026.

Petitioner seeks a preliminary distribution of \$250,000.00 in cash from the Estate to enable Petitioner to secure permanent housing where she intends to reside during an anticipated year-long recovery from urgently needed back and hip surgery. Petitioner contends pursuant to the Administrator's Corrected Inventory and Appraisal filed on April 8, 2025, the Estate was valued at more than \$1,000,000.00 as of Decedent's date of death. The Estate's assets include a Town of Cool Promissory Note that generates monthly payments of \$3,057.36, which is sufficient to fund the requested preliminary distribution.

Administrator argues the Petition should be denied because the Estate does not presently have \$250,000.00 in liquid assets available for distribution, the Estate's First and Final Account and Report of Administration has not yet been completed, and the substantial majority of the Estate's assets are non-liquid, consisting primarily of real property interests and promissory notes.

Administrator asserts that the Corrected Final Inventory and Appraisal contained material valuation errors, and an Amended Corrected Final Inventory and Appraisal has been completed and submitted to the Probate Referee for appraisal. The Town of Cool and Madrone Drive Promissory Notes were overstated by approximately \$204,467.05. Should the Court not be inclined to deny the Petition outright, Administrator requests the preliminary distribution be deferred until the Probate Referee has completed the appraisal of the Amended Corrected Final Inventory and Appraisal and Administrator has completed and filed the First and Final Account and Report of Administration, so the Court has accurate information concerning the Estate's assets, expenses, financial condition, liquidity, and amounts available for distribution.

As Administrator has placed the Estate's liquidity at issue, Petitioner further requests the Court require Administrator to disclose the Estate's current cash position, liquid assets, and outstanding liabilities at the hearing so that the Court may determine, based upon competent evidence, whether the requested distribution may be made without injury to the Estate or any interested person pursuant to Probate Code section 11621.

TENTATIVE RULING #16:

APPEARANCES ARE REQUIRED AT 8:30 A.M. ON MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 2026, IN DEPARTMENT NINE.

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17.	25PR0108	ESTATE OF GERTRUDE PEARL JENNER
FINAL DISTRIBUTION HEARING		

This matter was continued from August 10, 2026. The tentative ruling issued on August 10, 2026, remains in effect.

TENTATIVE RULING #17:

THE TENTATIVE RULING ISSUED ON AUGUST 10, 2026, REMAINS IN EFFECT.

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18.	25PR0273	IN THE MATTER OF DONENE VUKOVICH
STATUS OF ADMINISTRATION		

This matter was continued from August 10, 2026. The tentative ruling issued on August 10, 2026, remains in effect.

TENTATIVE RULING #18:

THE TENTATIVE RULING ISSUED ON AUGUST 10, 2026, REMAINS IN EFFECT.