November 2, 2026
Dept. 9
Probate Tentative Rulings

1.	**25PR0201**	**ESTATE OF JAMES RICHARD ELLSTROM**
FINAL DISTRIBUTION HEARING		

Letters of Administration were issued on October 20, 2025, granting Petitioner full authority under the Independent Administration of Estates Act.

A Final Inventory and Appraisal was filed on October 7, 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 October 13, 2026. No one has filed a request for special notice in this proceeding.

The proposed distribution of the estate includes equal shares to Kimberly Daphnie Bonsall, Candace Josephine Giuntoli, James Richard Ellstrom, II, and Richard Victor Ellstrom.

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. Set this report for hearing following notice as prescribed by law;
2. Enter an order settling the report, approving all reported acts and transactions of the Petitioner during the handling of the estate;
3. Close the administration of this estate;
4. Approve statutory fees in this case;

5. Approve the distribution to the beneficiary listed herein of the property described;

6. Direct that any other property of the estate acquired or discovered after this order is made, including any unused portion of the reserve for closing costs and taxes, shall be distributed to the beneficiaries listed in Paragraph 15 in equal shares; and

7. **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 #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, NOVEMBER 1, 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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2.	**22PR0163**	**ESTATE OF GEORGE BUTTLES**
STATUS OF ADMINISTRATION		

Letters Testamentary were issued on September 28, 2022.

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 #2:

APPEARANCES ARE REQUIRED AT 8:30 A.M. ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2026, IN DEPARTMENT NINE.

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3.	**26PR0269**	**IN THE MATTER OF THE TRUST ADMINISTRATION OF: THE SPECIAL NEEDS TRUST FOR THE BENEFIT OF DANIEL SHEEAN**
PETITION HEARING		

On September 22, 2026, Petitioner, Devin Canale, filed a Petition to Compel Trustee to Pay Judgment and Labor Commissioner Award. Petitioner asserts that on July 1, 2025, the California Labor Commissioner issued an Order, Decision, or Award in favor of Petitioner and against Defendant Daniel Sheean. Judgment on Final Order, Decision, or Award of the Labor Commissioner (the "Judgment") was entered on January 30, 2026, which Petitioner states is included as Exhibit A; however, the Judgment is not attached. Despite receiving notice of the Judgment and formal demand for payment, Petitioner argues that Trustee, Daniel Sheean, has failed, neglected, and refused to distribute the amount owed to Petitioner from the Special Needs Trust assets.

No proof of service of notice of hearing has been filed.

TENTATIVE RULING #3:

PETITION TO COMPEL TRUSTEE TO PAY JUDGMENT AND LABOR COMMISSIONER AWARD IS DENIED WITHOUT PREJUDICE FOR LACK OF NOTICE.

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4.	**25PR0203**	**THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM LANDRO CARTER**
STATUS OF ADMINISTRATION		

On September 8, 2025, the Court granted Petitioner's request for Letters of Administration; however, Letters of Administration have not yet been issued.

On October 15, 2026, Petitioner filed a Status of Administration and Request to Extend Time, which advised Petitioner was delayed in applying for the required bond due to lack of funds, but bond has since been issued. Due to the delay in acquiring bond and having Letters issued, Petitioner has not been able to prepare an Inventory and Appraisal.

Petitioner requests a continuance of one year to allow Petitioner sufficient time to complete the administration of the Estate. The Court grants Petitioner's request for a one-year continuance.

TENTATIVE RULING #4:

PETITIONER'S REQUEST FOR A CONTINUANCE IS GRANTED.

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5.	**25PR0001**	**ESTATE OF BOYCE CUNNINGHAM**
STATUS OF ADMINISTRATION		

Letters of Administration were issued on February 13, 2025.

An Inventory and Appraisal was filed on June 5, 2025. 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.

A Petition for Final Distribution was filed on July 30, 2025.

An Order for Final Distribution was filed on November 3, 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 #5:

APPEARANCES ARE REQUIRED AT 8:30 A.M. ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2026, IN DEPARTMENT NINE.

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6.	**25PR0340**	**ESTATE OF CLARANCE BURGETT**
FINAL DISTRIBUTION HEARING		

Letters of Administration were issued on April 27, 2026, granting Petitioner full authority under the Independent Administration of Estates Act.

A Final Inventory and Appraisal was filed on September 17, 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 September 22, 2026. William Boyd, represented by Nathaniel Wilson, has filed a request for special notice in this proceeding.

The proposed distribution of the estate includes equal shares to Clara Acuna, Clarence Burgett, and Terence Burgett

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 closed without an accounting by petitioner;
2. All acts and proceedings of petitioner as administrator as described in the petition be confirmed and approved;
3. The petitioner be allowed and credited with $6,700.00 as statutory compensation as Administrator;

4. The petitioner be authorized and directed to pay to William L. Walker, Attorney at Law, Inc. $6,700.00 as statutory compensation for services to petitioner and to the estate;
5. The petitioner be authorized and directed to pay to William L. Walker, Attorney at Law, Inc. the sum of $1,841.70 as reimbursement of costs advanced on behalf of the estate;
6. The petitioner be authorized to retain $5,000.00 in cash for closing expenses of administration and to deliver the unused part in equal shares to Clara Acuna, Clarence Burgett, and Terence Burgett, without further court order, after the closing expenses have been paid;
7. The Administrator to distribute the asset of the estate to the decedent's heirs as follows: 1/3 to Clara Acuna, 1/3 to Clarence Burgett, and 1/3 to Terence Burgett;
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 estate may have any interest be made to Clara Acuna, Clarence Burgett, and Terence Burgett in equal shares; 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:

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.	**25PR0200**	**ESTATE OF REBECCA LEMMA-NICHOLS**
STATUS OF ADMINISTRATION		

Letters of Administration were issued on November 4, 2025.

An Inventory and Appraisal was filed on December 2, 2025. 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.

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

TENTATIVE RULING #7:

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8.	**26PR0267**	**IN THE MATTER OF MARIN KLAUSNER**
PETITION HEARING		

Petitioners move for an order establishing the fact and the time and place of the birth of Marin Marie Klausner ("Marin"). Petitioners are Marin's mother and father.

Petitioners request the Court make an order determining Marin's birth did in fact occur on December 29, 2021, at 7:01 p.m. at 3350 Webbertown Rd., Placerville, California, 95667. Petitioner, Megan Klausner, declares that she gave birth to Marin. Petitioner, Adam Klausner, declares he was personally present for Marin's birth and therefore has personal knowledge of the date, time, and place of her birth.

In support of the Petition, Petitioners include Marin's birth record provided by Chelsea Fredlund, LM, CPM, of Placerville Midwifery. Such records confirm the fact, time, and place of Marin's birth.

Petitioners have not submitted a completed Order Establishing Fact of Birth (form VS 108) as required.

TENTATIVE RULING #8:

CONTINGENT UPON THE FILING OF THE COMPLETED ORDER ESTABLISHING FACT OF BIRTH (FORM VS 108), THE PETITION IS GRANTED AS REQUESTED.

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9.	**26PR0268**	**IN THE MATTER OF RORY KLAUSNER**
PETITION HEARING		

Petitioners move for an order establishing the fact and the time and place of the birth of Rory Evangaline Klausner ("Rory"). Petitioners are Rory's mother and father.

Petitioners request the Court make an order determining Rory's birth did in fact occur on January 25, 2024, at 6:51 a.m. at 3350 Webbertown Rd., Placerville, California, 95667. Petitioner, Megan Klausner, declares that she gave birth to Rory. Petitioner, Adam Klausner, declares he was personally present for Rory's birth and therefore has personal knowledge of the date, time, and place of her birth.

In support of the Petition, Petitioners include Rory's birth record provided by Chelsea Fredlund, LM, CPM, of Placerville Midwifery. Such records confirm the fact, time, and place of Rory's birth.

Petitioners have not submitted a completed Order Establishing Fact of Birth (form VS 108) as required.

TENTATIVE RULING #9:

CONTINGENT UPON THE FILING OF THE COMPLETED ORDER ESTABLISHING FACT OF BIRTH (FORM VS 108), THE PETITION IS GRANTED AS REQUESTED.

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10.	**25PR0275**	**IN THE MATTER OF AARON CHALENOR 1997 SPECIAL NEEDS TRUST**
ACCOUNTING HEARING		

On September 11, 2026, Attorney for Former Trustee, Tracy M. Potts, filed an Attorney's Final and Supplemental Accounts of Clifford R. Chalenor, Petition for its Settlement, for Exoneration of Bond, for Allowance of Attorneys' Fees, for Approval of Costs Advanced and Paid, and for Approval of Costs Advanced.

Ms. Potts requests the following:

1. The Attorney' s Final and Supplemental Accounts of Clifford R. Chalenor be settled, allowed and approved as filed;
2. All of the reported acts and transactions of Clifford R. Chalenor be confirmed and approved;
3. Clifford R. Chalenor's bond be exonerated;
4. Jacqueline V. Foss, Successor Trustee of the Aaron Chalenor 1997 Special Needs Trust, be authorized and directed to pay Legacy Law Group the sum of $5,374.50 for attorneys' fees;
5. Clifford R. Chalenor's payment of $156.50 for costs advanced be confirmed and approved;
6. Jacqueline V. Foss, Successor Trustee of the Aaron Chalenor 1997 Special Needs Trust,be authorized and directed to pay Legacy Law Group the amount of $435.00 for further costs advanced.

Upon review of the Petition, the Court finds good cause to grant all of the requests.

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).

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11.	**22PR0085**	**ESTATE OF STEVEN BRADLEY MORRIS**
STATUS OF ADMINISTRATION		

Letters of Administration were issued on May 25, 2022.

A Partial No. 1 Inventory and Appraisal was filed on February 6, 2024. The Inventory and Appraisal is silent as to whether the requirements of Revenue and Taxation Code section 480 have been complied with. The Petition for Final Distribution confirms the Inventory and Appraisal contains all of the assets of the Estate and the requirements of Section 480 have been satisfied.

A Petition for Final Distribution was filed on August 14, 2025.

An Order for Final Distribution was filed on November 3, 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, NOVEMBER 2, 2026, IN DEPARTMENT NINE.

A STATUS OF ADMINISTRATION HEARING IS SET FOR 8:30 A.M. ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 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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12.	**25PR0264**	**ESTATE OF KENNETH ALAN PLEINES**
STATUS OF ADMINISTRATION		

Letters Testamentary were issued on November 13, 2025.

An Inventory and Appraisal was filed on October 19, 2026. A Supplemental Inventory and Appraisal was filed on the same date. 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.

A Petition for Final Distribution was filed on October 19, 2026.

TENTATIVE RULING #12:

APPEARANCES ARE REQUIRED AT 8:30 A.M. ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2026, IN DEPARTMENT NINE.

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13.	**25PR0273**	**IN THE MATTER OF DONENE VUKOVICH**
PETITION HEARING		

On August 31, 2026, the Petition to Determine Entitlement to Assets of the Vukovich Family Trust and Petition for 1) Breach of Trust; 2) Surcharge Against Trustees; 3) Removal of Trustees; 4) Recovery of Trust Property and Double Damages for Bad Faith Wrongful Taking; and 5) Compel Information, Books, Records, and Supporting Documentation were continued to November 2, 2026.

To date, nothing further has been filed.

TENTATIVE RULING #13:

APPEARANCES ARE REQUIRED AT 8:30 A.M. ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2026, IN DEPARTMENT NINE.

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