

August 4, 2025
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Probate Tentative Rulings

1.	25PR0160	ESTATE OF RAMIREZ
Letters Testamentary		

Decedent died testate on March 23, 2025, survived by three adult children. Petitioner is decedent's son.

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

The Will was lodged with the court on May 13, 2025 (25WL0092) and is admitted to probate. Petitioner was named as Executor in the Will. The Will waives bond.

A Duties/Liabilities statement (DE 147/DE 147s) was filed on June 10, 2025.

Proof of service of notice of the hearing on the Petition was filed on July 8, 2025.

Proof of publication was filed on July 25, 2025.

TENTATIVE RULING #1:

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2.	23PR0281	ESTATE OF BAY
Final Distribution		

On November 8, 2024, the Court entered an Order for Approval of Report and Petition for Distribution, Approval of Account, Request for Statutory Executor Fees, and Request for Statutory Attorney's Fees. As part of that Order, the Executor was authorized to hold a reserve account of \$250,000.00 to pay for any additional income taxes that may have incurred from the liquidation of the investment accounts. Petitioner now brings this Petition for Approval of Final Account and Report.

Petitioner states that after the payment of tax liabilities, the estate received a tax refund of \$16,663.00 from the IRS and \$2,822.00 from the State of California. However, the property on hand for distribution includes \$769.60 from a cash account with Wells Fargo. After final costs and expenses, any remainder will be distributed equally amongst Martha Bay O'Neil, Carolyn Annette Bay and William Bay.

The Petition requests that:

1. The administration of the estate be closed;
2. The Final Report and Petition be approved;
3. All acts, transactions, sales, and investments of the personal representative be ratified, approved, and confirmed;
4. The accounting is allowed and approved;
5. **Upon filing of receipts from Women's Support Services and Stanford Law School, along with final distribution receipts from Martha Bay O'Neil and Carolyn Annette Bay, and the Ex Parte Petition for Discharge, Petitioner may be discharged and released from all liability that may be incurred thereafter.**

TENTATIVE RULING #2:

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3.	25PR0165	ESTATE OF BECKINGER
Petition for Transfer of Original Will		

Petitioner, the appointed Executor of the Estate of Robert S. Beckinger (“Decedent”) petitions the Court to transfer Decedent’s original Will to Sacramento Superior Court to be filed in Case No. 24PR003407. Decedent died on July 26, 2023, and his former estate planning attorney delivered the original Will to El Dorado Superior Court. No probate was filed.

On November 21, 2024, Petitioner filed a Petition for Probate of Will and Letters Testamentary in Sacramento Superior Court, which is the proper venue under Probate Code § 7051 since it is where Decedent was domiciled at the time of death.

Pursuant to Probate Code § 8203, the Court may order Decedent’s Will to be transferred to the clerk of the Sacramento County Superior Court:

If a will has been delivered to the clerk of the superior court in a county in which no proceeding is pending to administer the testator's estate, that court may order the will transferred to the clerk of the superior court in a county in which such a proceeding is pending. A petition for the transfer may be presented and heard without notice, but shall not be granted without proof that a copy of the petition has been delivered pursuant to Section 1215 to the petitioner and any persons who have requested special notice in the proceeding in the court to which the will is to be transferred. The petition and order shall include the case number of the proceeding in the court to which transfer is prayed. Certified copies of the petition, any supporting documents, and the order shall be transmitted by the clerk along with the original will, and these copies shall be filed in the proceeding by the clerk of the recipient court.

TENTATIVE RULING #3:

ABSENT OBJECTION THE PETITION IS GRANTED AS REQUESTED. PETITIONER TO PROVIDE THE COURT WITH AN ORDER. ANY PERSON WHO HAS AN OBJECTION MAY MAKE IT ANY TIME, EVEN ORALLY AT THE HEARING (PROBATE CODE § 1043).

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4.	22PR0097	ESTATE OF BONSER
Final Distribution		

The Court previously addressed the Petition for Final Distribution via tentative ruling on June 23, 2025. Petitioner has since filed an Amended Petition, confirming that the Final Inventory and Appraisal was filed on September 20, 2023 and that Petitioner will be collecting the statutory fee of \$20,136.63. The Amended Petition reduced the reserve requested from \$3,000.00 to \$1,000.00 which the Court deems proper.

In terms of counsel's request for \$8,953.00 in extraordinary fees. The Court is not persuaded that the tasks described and noted in the billing statement are not contemplated by the statutory fee schedule. The extraordinary fees are denied.

TENTATIVE RULING #4:

ABSENT OBJECTION THE PETITION IS GRANTED, WITH THE DENIAL OF EXTRAORDINARY FEES. ANY PERSON WHO HAS AN OBJECTION MAY MAKE IT ANY TIME, EVEN ORALLY AT THE HEARING (PROBATE CODE § 1043).

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5.	25PR0142	ESTATE OF CARPENTER
Letters of Administration		

Decedent died intestate on March 20, 2025, survived by four adult children. The Court notes that Kelsey Carpenter is listed twice with different addresses – it is unclear whether one of the addresses is associated with a fifth adult child of a different name or if decedent had two children named Kelsey. Petitioner is decedent's daughter.

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

The Petition requests that bond be fixed at \$582,500.00.

A Duties/Liabilities statement (DE 147/DE 147s) was filed on May 23, 2025.

Proof of service of notice of the hearing on the Petition was filed on June 5, 2025.

Proof of publication was filed on June 26, 2025.

TENTATIVE RULING #5:

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6.	25PR0086	GORDON CHAPPELL HISTORIC TRUST
Confirm Trust Assets		

The Petition was heard on June 16, 2025. Counsel for Petitioner requested a 45 to 60-day continuance to complete the accounting. To date, no accounting has been filed.

TENTATIVE RULING #6:

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7.	25PR0143	ESTATE OF MILLIKEN
Letters of Administration		

Decedent died intestate on April 4, 2025, survived by two adult siblings, and one niece from a predeceased sibling. Decedent also had a deceased child. Petitioner is decedent's sibling.

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

The Petition requests that bond be fixed at \$450,000.00.

A Duties/Liabilities statement (DE 147/DE 147s) was filed on May 27, 2025.

Proof of service of notice of the hearing on the Petition was filed on June 13, 2025.

Proof of publication was filed on June 27, 2025.

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).

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8.	25PR0172	ESTATE OF MARTIN
Spousal Property		

Petitioner is the surviving spouse of decedent, who died intestate April 12, 2025, survived by Petitioner and two minor 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 several business entities which decedent had ownership interests in. The Petition alleges that the ownership interests were community property and therefore should be transferred to Petitioner as decedent’s surviving spouse. There is a Petition for appointment of Guardian Ad Litem for each of the minor children to protect their potential interest in their father’s separate property estate. However, there are no Orders filed for the underlying Petition or the Petitions for Appointment of Guardian Ad Litem of Dottie Ann Martin.

There is no notice of hearing.

TENTATIVE RULING #8:

HEARING CONTINUED TO MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2025, AT 8:30 AM IN DEPARTMENT NINE, WHEN THE COURT INTENDS TO GRANT THE PETITIONS.

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9.	24PR0134	ESTATE OF JOHNSON
Final Distribution		

Letters of Administration were issued on August 5, 2024, granting Petitioner full authority under the Independent Administration of Estates Act.

A Final Inventory and Appraisal was filed on February 19, 2025. It is unclear whether the requirements of Revenue and Taxation Code §480 were followed.

Waiver of Account was executed by the heir entitled to distributions under the estate. Petitioner waives his right to statutory compensation, and counsel reduced his statutory fee request from \$13,475.41 to \$6,000.00.

The proposed distribution of the estate includes full distribution to Richard Noll.

The Petition requests:

1. The administration of the estate be brought to a close without an account;
2. All acts and proceedings of the Administrator be confirmed and approved;
3. The Administrator be authorized to pay statutory attorney fees in the amount of \$6,000.00;
4. That waiver of statutory compensation to the personal representative be approved;
5. Distribution of the estate in Petitioner's hands and any other property of the estate not now known or later discovered be distributed to the beneficiaries as set forth in the Petition; and,
6. Upon filing the Ex Parte Petition for Discharge, Petitioner may be discharged and released from all liability that may be incurred thereafter.

TENTATIVE RULING #9:

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10.	23PR0169	ESTATE OF BEALL
Confirm Real Property Sale		

Petitioner filed a Report of Sale and Petition for Order Confirming Sale of Real Property. The Petition does not state the amount bid by the purchasers (paragraph 4(d)). The Petition requests that the commission be paid 100% to Petitioner, but it is unclear if she was the real estate agent for Remax (paragraph 5(c)-(d)). The Petition states the notice of sale was published, but no proof is attached (paragraph 7(a)).

The Petition states there was no bond before the sale, which is not accurate (paragraph 6(a)). A surety bond for \$254,000 was filed on December 18, 2023.

There are two other beneficiaries listed on the Petition for Probate, but they did not receive notice of this hearing.

TENTATIVE RULING #10:

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11.	PP20210037	ESTATE OF STOLP
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TENTATIVE RULING #11:

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12.	22PR0081	ESTATE OF TAYLOR
Status		

Letters of Administration issued on May 18, 2022.

An Inventory and Appraisal was filed on March 23, 2022, but does not indicate whether it is the partial or final version.

There were no appearances at the hearing on August 5, 2024. Petitioner is pro per.

TENTATIVE RULING #12:

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13.	25PR0159	ESTATE OF WEGSCHEIDER-CRIMMEN
Letters of Administration		

Decedent died intestate on April 15, 2025, survived by two adult siblings. Petitioner is decedent's sister.

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.

A Duties/Liabilities statement (DE 147/DE 147s) was filed on June 10, 2025.

Proof of service of notice of the hearing on the Petition was filed on June 13, 2025.

Proof of publication was filed on June 27, 2025.

TENTATIVE RULING #13:

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