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Probate Tentative Rulings

1.	22PR0020	ESTATE OF BERGE
Final Petition for Discharge		

Letters of Administration/Letters Testamentary were issued on May 4, 2022, granting Petitioner full authority under the Independent Administration of Estates Act.

A Final Inventory and Appraisal was filed concurrently with the Petition showing that the estate has no assets.

Proof of Service of Notice of the hearing on the Petition was filed on September 18, 2025. No one has filed a request for special notice in this proceeding. The Petition satisfies the requirements of Local Rule 10.07.12.

The Petition requests:

1. The administration of the estate be brought to a close without the requirement of an accounting;
2. All acts, transactions and proceedings of the Administrator be ratified, confirmed and approved;
3. That waiver of statutory compensation to the personal representative be approved;
4. **Upon filing of the Ex Parte Petition for Discharge, Petitioner may be discharged and released from all liability that may be incurred thereafter.**

A Status of Administration hearing is currently set for May 18, 2026.

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).

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2.	PP20190082	ESTATE OF LOGAN
Status of Administration		

The personal representative of this estate filed a Declaration on October 10, 2025, indicating that a determination of the tax liability was received from the IRS, but the parties are negotiating, and the personal representative is deferring to act on pending creditor's claims until the liability to the US Department of Treasury and the Franchise Tax Board is known.

The personal representative requests a continuance for this purpose.

TENTATIVE RULING #2:

MATTER IS CONTINUED TO MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2026, AT 8:30 AM IN DEPARTMENT NINE.

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3.	PP20210160	ESTATE OF JOHNSON
Status of Administration		

At the hearing of October 23, 2023, the Court advised Petitioner that there was no Petition for Final Distribution or notice of hearing on file with the Court. There were no appearances at the hearing of October 21, 2024. There have been no new filings since that hearing.

Petitioner is pro per.

TENTATIVE RULING #3:

APPEARANCES ARE REQUIRED AT 8:30 A.M. ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2025, IN DEPARTMENT NINE.

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4.	24PR0132	ESTATE OF CONNIE
Petition for Final Discharge Review OSC		

Letters Testamentary were issued to Petitioner on August 19, 2024, with full authority under the Independent Administrator of Estates Act.

The Court's Minute Order from the Status of Administration hearing of August 18, 2025, found that neither the personal representative nor their counsel appeared or filed a status report for the hearing. The Court set an Order to Show Cause for removal or suspension of and/or sanctions against the personal representative.

On September 23, 2025, Petitioner's counsel filed a Petition for Final Distribution. Although both Petitioner and her brother Derek Conine are heirs to the estate, there is no Proof of Service of notice of the hearing on the Petition to Derek Conine on file with the Court.

The proposed distribution of the estate includes specifics of distribution.

The Petition meets the requirements of Local Rule 10.07.12.

The Petition requests:

1. The administration of the estate be brought to a close;
2. The First and Final Account filed with the Petition be settled, allowed and approved;
3. All acts, transactions and proceedings of the Executor be confirmed and approved;
4. The Executor be authorized to pay statutory attorney fees in the amount of \$11,123.00;
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;
6. **Upon filing of receipts and the Ex Parte Petition for Discharge, Petitioner may be discharged and released from all liability that may be incurred thereafter.**

A status of administration hearing is currently scheduled for August 17, 2026.

Petitioner is represented by Rebecca Etsy-Burke.

TENTATIVE RULING #4:

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5.	22PR0017	ESTATE OF OLSON
OSC Petition for Final Discharge		

A Petition for Final Distribution was filed on May 25, 2023. No appearance was made by any party at the hearing on that Petition. The Court set a Status of Administration hearing for July 8, 2024, which was continued to July 7, 2025. No parties appeared at hearing set for July 7, 2025 or the subsequent hearing set on August 25, 2025.

The Court's Minute Order for the hearing of August 25, 2025, set an OSC for removal or suspension of and/or sanctions against the personal representative.

The only beneficiary of the estate is Petitioner, who is the decedent's brother. The Petition states that all creditor claims have been satisfied and that no state and federal taxes are due.

The Petition meets the requirements of Local Rule 10.07.12.

The Petition for Final Distribution requests:

1. The administration of the estate be brought to a close without the requirement of an accounting;
2. The First and Final Account filed with the Petition be settled, allowed and approved;
3. All acts, transactions and proceedings of the Executor be confirmed and approved;
4. The Executor be authorized to pay statutory attorney fees in the amount of \$11,006.19;
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.

The Ex Parte Petition for Final Discharge, filed on October 7, 2025, specifies that no receipts are required because the Petitioner is the sole beneficiary of the estate.

Petitioner is represented by Paul Estrada.

TENTATIVE RULING #5:

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6.	24PR0234	ESTATE OF RIORDAN
Review		

Letters Testamentary were issued on March 4, 2025.

Petitioner is pro per.

TENTATIVE RULING #6:

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7.	24PR0111	ESTATE OF COPE
Status of Administration OSC		

No party appeared at the Review Hearing on August 18, 2025, and the Court set an Order to Show Cause hearing for removal or suspension and/or sanctions against the personal representative.

A letter from the Executor's counsel dated October 15, 2025, explains that it was necessary to record the decedent's will in El Dorado County because there was a need to transfer a real property interest for a property located in Virginia. The letter states that the real property interest has been successfully transferred. However, the letter does not request any particular disposition of the open probate matter, nor does it include any proof of service to the children of the decedent, who are listed as beneficiaries on the Petition for Probate.

Petitioner is pro per for the purpose of this proceeding; the letter addressed to the Court was from attorney Jeremy C. Johnson and had a firm name but no address listed. There is a law firm by the name Johnson, Gasink & Baxter in Williamsburg, Virginia, here the real property is located.

TENTATIVE RULING #7:

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8.	PP20210138	ESTATE OF NASH
Status of Administration		

David Larsen and Thomas Larsen are named beneficiaries in decedent's Will, and the Will devises decedent's real property and the residue of the estate to the two named beneficiaries in equal shares. Letters Testamentary were issued to Thomas Larsen, Petitioner, on September 20, 2021, as the named Executor in decedent's Will, although David Larsen objected to the appointment.

In January 2022, Thomas Larsen filed a creditor's claim against the estate in the amount of \$50,765.75. This was approved by the Court on May 6, 2024.

On January 14, 2022, Thomas Larsen filed a Partial Inventory and Appraisal No.1 listing a bank account containing \$64,403.59.

On May 12, 2022, Thomas Larsen filed a Partial Inventory and Appraisal No.2 listing a real property valued at \$295,000. This Partial Inventory and Appraisal No. 2 was re-filed on February 5, 2024.

On February 15, 2024, Thomas Larsen filed a Notice of Proposed Action, indicating that he intended to deliver a vehicle to "Jerry Schneider as a gift for services rendered." The referenced vehicle has not appeared in any Inventory and Appraisal for the estate. Proof of service of notice to David Larsen was included with the Notice of Proposed Action.

On April 17, 2024, a Partial Inventory and Appraisal No. 3 listing three interests in real property, two vehicles, an interest in the Estate of John Baptist DeGhetto, and household furnishings, for a total value of \$564,018.65 was filed. There is no Final Inventory and Appraisal or Petition for Final Distribution in the court's file.

There were no appearances at Status of Administration hearings on January 19, 2022, March 30, 2022, June 1, 2022, September 14, 2022, October 12, 2022, or April 24, 2023. Counsel for the Executor did appear at the hearing on April 22, 2024.

On April 21, 2025, Petitioner requested a six-month continuance. Nothing new has been filed since that date.

A Status of Administration hearing is currently scheduled for April 20, 2026.

Petitioner is represented by Berry Warner.

TENTATIVE RULING #8:

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9.	PP20180230	ESTATE OF RYAN
Status of Administration		

The Sixth and Final Account and Petition for Final Distribution was approved by the Court on October 28, 2024. There are no receipts or Ex Parte Petition for Discharge on file with the Court.

Petitioner Kathleen Ann Schulte is represented by Laura Nelson.

TENTATIVE RULING #9:

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10.	25PR0226	IN THE MATTER OF CHRISTA K. CAMPBELL
Petition to Confirm Trust Assets		

Petitioner is the currently acting Trustee of The Heflin/Campbell Family Trust ("Trust"). The settlors of the Trust, who were married on December 21, 1978, expressed the intention on September 2, 2021, to transfer "all of their right, title and interest in and to all of the property owned by them that would otherwise be subject to probate on their deaths, . . . however titled and wherever located" This intention was reiterated when the settlors restated their Trust on May 31, 2024, to include "all stocks, bonds, mutual funds, and other financial investments"

After the last settlor's death, Petitioner became aware of two financial assets that were not properly transferred to the Trust, despite their expressed intention that it be a Trust asset. These two assets are certificates of deposit accounts held by Discover in the name of Thomas L. Heflin only.

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.

(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.

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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. The notice was mailed on September 15, 2025 and filed on September 18, 2025.

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

Petitioner is represented by Jana Stuart Ellerman.

TENTATIVE RULING #10:

ABSENT OBJECTION THE PETITION IS GRANTED AS REQUESTED.

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11.	23PR0147	IN THE MATTER OF INGRID HELGA NOBLE
OSC		

An Order for Final Distribution was entered on May 13, 2024. There are no receipts and no ex parte Petition for Final Discharge (Judicial Council Form DE-295) on file with the Court. There were no appearances on August 26, 2024. No further documents have been filed since the May 13, 2024 Order.

After no party appeared at the August 25, 2025, review hearing the Court set an Order to Show Cause hearing for removal or suspension of and/or sanctions against the personal representative.

Petitioner is represented by attorney Caroline Hinshaw.

TENTATIVE RULING #11:

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12.	25PR0201	ESTATE OF ELLSTROM
Letters of Administration		

Decedent died intestate on May 23, 2025, survived by four adult children. Petitioner is decedent's daughter.

The Petition requests full 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 29, 2025.

Proof of service of notice of the hearing on the Petition was filed on July 31, 2025.

Proof of publication was filed on August 22, 2025.

Petitioner is represented by David Morris.

TENTATIVE RULING #12:

ABSENT OBJECTION THE PETITION IS GRANTED AS REQUESTED.

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13.	24PR0112	IN THE MATTER OF PATSY DIGIURCO LIVING TRUST
Petition for Instructions		
Petition for Removal of Trustee		

Petitioner Dani Henter, is a beneficiary of the Patsy Digiurco Revocable Living Trust of 2017 (“Trust”) and has standing under Probate Code § 17200(a) to bring this petition. The Trust was established on November 7, 2017, by Patsy Sue Digiurco (“Decedent”) and became irrevocable at her death on February 22, 2023.

The Successor Trustee of the Trust, Amber Peters, was appointed by Order of this Court on July 3, 2024, because the named trustee predeceased the Decedent. At the hearing of September 29, 2025, the Court suspended the trustee at the request of Petitioner and set a hearing on removal and replacement of the trustee for October 20, 2025.

The Trust, at 6.03(B), provides for an equal distribution of all Trust assets to Tarra and Dani. Prior to Successor Trustee’s appointment, Petitioner alleges that Tarra had taken possession of the Trust real property and made unilateral decisions regarding removal and disposal of tangible personal property that was located inside the property. Exhibits C through I to the August 21, 2025 Petition for Instructions are correspondence related to and listing the missing property. The Petition requests instructions and full and final distribution as to these assets.

At the hearing on September 29, 2025, the Court suspended the Trustee and set a hearing for removal of the Trustee on October 20, 2025.

Petitioner is represented by Matthew Scott.

TENTATIVE RULING #13:

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14.	24PR0249	IN THE MATTER OF CHERIE J. PAGE LIVING TRUST
Review Hearing		

The Court granted a Petition to appoint a successor trustee on October 21, 2024, and set a review hearing for October 20, 2025.

Petitioner is represented by Diane Anderson.

TENTATIVE RULING #14:

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15.	25PR0253	ESTATE OF THOMPSON
Letters of Administration		

Decedent died intestate on July 21, 2025, survived by two living adult children.
Petitioner is decedent's son.

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

Waivers have been filed with the court by the heirs.

A Duties/Liabilities statement (DE 147/DE 147s) was filed on September 18, 2025.

Proof of service of notice of the hearing on the Petition was filed on September 18, 2025.

Proof of publication was filed on October 10, 2025.

Petitioner is represented by Joshua Johnson.

TENTATIVE RULING #15:

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16.	23PR0138	ESTATE OF DAVIDSON
OSC		

Letters issued on June 28, 2023. In violation of Probate Code § 8800, there is no inventory and appraisal. There were no appearances at the hearing on August 26, 2024.

Petitioner is pro per.

TENTATIVE RULING #16:

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