

December 22, 2025
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Probate Tentative Rulings

1.	PP20200066	CONSERVATORSHIP OF NANCY GRISHAM
Status Conference		

TENTATIVE RULING #1: APPEARANCES ARE REQUIRED AT 8:30 A.M. ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2025, IN DEPARTMENT NINE.

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2.	25PR0077	ESTATE OF BOSTROM
Final Distribution		

Letters Testamentary were issued on July 11, 225, granting Petitioner full authority under the Independent Administration of Estates Act.

A Final Inventory and Appraisal was filed on November 18, 2025. At the time the inventory and appraisal is filed, you must also file a 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.

A Waiver of Account was executed by the sole heir entitled to distributions under the estate.

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.

The Petition is complaint with 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 Executor be ratified, confirmed and approved;
3. The Executor be authorized to pay statutory attorney fees in the amount of \$7,384.12, plus \$475.00 for costs advanced to the estate;
1. 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.

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).

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3.	25PR0307	ESTATE OF HARTMANN
Succession to Real Property		

Decedent died on August 25, 2025, survived by three adult children. There is no probate proceeding for decedent's estate. Petitioner is the Executor of decedent's Will and trustee of the trust designated to receive decedent's assets pursuant to decedent's Will, which is attached to the Petition. The Petition requests the Court to approve a small estate set-aside of decedent's residential real property without full administration pursuant to Probate Code § 13151.

Attached to the Petition are assignments of interest and waivers of notice executed by seven of decedent's heirs at law and beneficiaries of the trust, children and grandchildren.

The gross value of decedent's interest in the real property described in item 11, as shown by the attached appraisal, did not exceed \$750,000. An Inventory and Appraisal was completed by a probate referee and shows the value of property subject to this Petition to be \$625,000. Probate Code § 13152(e) requires that Form DE300 also be attached to the Petition, *see* Petition paragraph 8(b). That form is included with the Petition.

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.	24PR0206	ESTATE OF MAKIN
Status of Administration		

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5.	25PR0304	ESTATE OF ANDERSON
Petition to Determine Title to Real Property/Set Aside Fraudulent Conveyance		

Decedent died intestate on February 13, 2024, survived by three adult children. A Petition for Letters of Administration was filed on October 31, 2025, by Daniel Anderson, decedent's son. The hearing on that Petition is scheduled for December 29, 2025.

On November 12, 2025, Daniel Anderson filed a second Petition to determine title to real property and to set aside a fraudulent conveyance. Respondent Tammy Diaz is decedent's daughter. According to the instant Petition, two days before decedent's death of advanced cancer, he executed a deed to real property that is the principal asset of decedent's estate. The stated consideration for the transfer was one dollar. Petitioner estimates the value of the property to be \$1,000,000. Petitioner asserts that Respondent was in a position to exert undue influence over decedent at the end of his life, when he was heavily medicated and dying of cancer. Petitioner notes that decedent did not have the benefit of legal counsel in this transaction.

Petitioner alleges financial abuse of an elder pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code § 15610.30. Petitioner requests the court to set aside the grant deed transferring title to the property and to determine that title belongs with decedent's estate, pursuant to Probate Code § 850. This request is based on decedent's lack of capacity to execute the deed, the exertion of undue influence by Respondent.

A proof of service of the Petition was filed, but only names sibling and Respondent Tammy Diaz, it does not include the third sibling, who was noticed of the Petition for Letters but not noticed of the instant Petition to determine title to the real property.

TENTATIVE RULING #5: THIS MATTER IS CONTINUED TO DECEMBER 29, 2025, TO ALLOW PETITIONER AN OPPORTUNITY TO FILE PROOF OF SERVICE OF NOTICE OF THE PETITION TO ALL HEIRS OF DECEDENT'S ESTATE.

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6.	24PR0304	ESTATE OF BAILEY
Status of Administration		

TENTATIVE RULING #6: APPEARANCES ARE REQUIRED AT 8:30 A.M. ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2025, IN DEPARTMENT NINE.

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7.	24PR0015	ESTATE OF MATTOCH
Final Distribution		

Letters Testamentary were issued on March 25, 2024, granting Petitioner full authority under the Independent Administration of Estates Act.

A Final Inventory and Appraisal was filed on March 7, 2025. At the time the inventory and appraisal is filed, you must also file a 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.

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 December 15, 2025. No one has filed a request for special notice in this proceeding.

The Petition is compliant with 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. The Administrator be authorized to pay statutory attorney fees in the amount of \$24,696.48;
4. That the Guardian ad Litem appointed for Ethan Mattoch be discharged from further duties, as Ethan Mattoch has attained the age of majority during the proceedings;
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.

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.	22PR0061	ESTATE OF GRISHAM
Status Conference		

TENTATIVE RULING #8: APPEARANCES ARE REQUIRED AT 8:30 A.M. ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2025, IN DEPARTMENT NINE.

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9.	25PR0301	ESTATE OF LEWIN
Letters of Administration		

Decedent died intestate on May 21, 2025, survived by children and issue of a deceased child.

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

The Petition does not respond to Item 3(e), indicating whether bond should be fixed or waived. There are no waivers on file with the court. The value of the estate is estimated at \$380,000.

A Duties/Liabilities statement (DE 147/DE 147s) was filed on October 31, 2025.

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

Proof of publication was filed on November 21, 2025.

TENTATIVE RULING #9: APPEARANCES ARE REQUIRED AT 8:30 A.M. ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2025, IN DEPARTMENT NINE.

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10.	24PR0291	ESTATE OF FIDDLER
Status of Administration		

The Administrator filed a Status Report on December 11, 2025, indicating that the processing of the Estate is moving forward.

TENTATIVE RULING #10: A STATUS OF ADMINISTRATION HEARING IS SET FOR 8:30 A.M. ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2026, 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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11.	25PR0325	ESTATE OF THELIN
Letters Testamentary		

Decedent died testate on July 21, 2023, survived by three adult children. Petitioner is the child of decedent.

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

On December 5, 2023, the Will dated March 7, 2012, was admitted to probate in the Circuit Court of Floyd County, Virginia, where decedent was domiciled. Documentation of the Will and its admission to probate in Virginia is attached to the Petition.

Petitioner's children were named co-Executors of the Will, and the residuary estate was to be divided among her children and the issue of any predeceased child. Petitioner was named trustee of any trust created pursuant to the Will, but the Will does not contemplate the existence of a trust.

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

A Duties/Liabilities statement (DE 147/DE 147s) was filed on November 12, 2025.

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

Proof of publication was filed on December 3, 2025.

The property that is the subject of this Petition is real property located in El Dorado County, which the Petition values at \$160,000.

TENTATIVE RULING #11: APPEARANCES ARE REQUIRED AT 8:30 A.M. ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2025, IN DEPARTMENT NINE.

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12.	25PR0295	In the Matter of Elizabeth "Betty" Wood
Removal of Trustee / Compel Accounting		

Decedent Eugenia Wood created the Eugenia Wood Living Trust ("Trust") and died October 9, 2018. Petitioner is her daughter; the trustee is also Petitioner's sister and is also a beneficiary. There are two additional beneficiaries. Petitioner asserts that no accounting or copy of the Trust document has been provided since the trustee assumed that role in 2018.

Petitioner further alleges:

- Mismanagement of Trust assets resulting in Over 30 municipal liens totaling more than \$10,000 due to neglect since 2021, utility shut offs, deferred maintenance, vacancies, unpaid taxes, and habitability/code violations affecting all trust properties.
- Irregularities in Pollock Pines property title; "Respondent self-designates as "Executor of Eugenia Wood" without appointment; evidence of owner-financing and forgery." Petition at 3:2-3.
- Concealment of settlor's death from mortgage lenders.
- No accounting or distribution of rental income from four income-producing properties.

Petitioner requests the following relief:

- Immediate suspension/removal of Anastasia "Tess" Wood as Trustee;
- Appointment of John DePiazza, professional fiduciary, as successor trustee;
- Order compelling full accounting from October 9, 2018 to present;
- Order directing Respondent to provide all Trust and financial documents;
- Surcharge of \$1,800,000-\$2,600,000 for misappropriated rental income plus \$10,000 penalties and additional depreciation/vacancy losses, to be proved;
- Legal interest pursuant to Probate Code § 16440 on all sums;
- Restitution and damages for misappropriation/waste;
- Attorney's fees/costs per Probate Code § 17211;
- Consideration of disinheritance under Probate Code § 259, if further supported.

Other pleadings filed with the Petition include the Supplemental Declaration of Michael Hackerd in Support of Petition, dated December 11, 2025, which describes and attaches documentation of notices of violations from the City of Santa Cruz Planning Department listing code violations associated with one of the Trust properties.

Request for Judicial Notice

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Petitioner requests the Court to take judicial notice of the Notices of Violation issued against the Trust property by the City of Santa Cruz. 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 collectively govern the circumstances in which judicial notice of a matter may be taken. A trial court is required to take judicial notice of any matter listed in section 452 if a party requests it and gives the other party sufficient notice to prepare to meet the request. Evidence Code § 453. Evidence Code § 452(c) allows the court to take judicial notice of “official acts of the legislative, executive and judicial departments of the United States and of any state of the United States.” Judicial notice is granted.

**TENTATIVE RULING #12: PETITIONER’S REQUEST FOR JUDICIAL NOTICE IS GRANTED.
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13.	24PR0313	IN THE MATTER OF JAMES CLIFFORD SCOBEL
Status of Administration		

TENTATIVE RULING #13: APPEARANCES ARE REQUIRED AT 8:30 A.M. ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2025, IN DEPARTMENT NINE.

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14.	25PR0303	IN THE MATTER OF JERRY CHRISTOPHER JURISICH
Letters of Administration		

Decedent died intestate on September 30, 2025, survived by a brother and an uncle. Petitioner is decedent's uncle.

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

A waiver of bond and a nomination of Petitioner as Administrator executed by decedent's brother is on file with the Court.

A Duties/Liabilities statement (DE 147/DE 147s) was filed on October 31, 2025.

Proof of service of notice of the hearing on the Petition was filed on December 3, 2025.

Proof of publication was filed on November 26, 2025.

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.	25PR0298	IN THE MATTER OF JOSEPH LOUIS GAZZARA
Letters of Administration		

Decedent died intestate on October 19, 2025, survived by his sister and the adult daughter of a predeceased child. Petitioner is decedent's sister.

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

The Petition requests bond be fixed at \$800,010.

A Duties/Liabilities statement (DE 147/DE 147s) was filed on October 29, 2025.

Proof of service of notice of the hearing on the Petition was filed on November 4, 2025.

Proof of publication was filed on November 21, 2025.

TENTATIVE RULING #15: 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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16.	25PR0276	IN THE MATTER OF STEVEN LEE STUBBS
Letters of Administration		

Decedent died intestate on July 8, 2024, survived by two adult sisters and four nieces and nephews. Petitioner is decedent's sister.

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

The Petition does not address the question of a bond.

A Duties/Liabilities statement (DE 147/DE 147s) was filed on October 9, 2025.

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

Proof of publication was filed on November 4, 2025.

This matter was originally heard on November 24, 2025, at which time decedent's sister indicated she had an objection, which was filed with the Court on December 15, 2025. Objector requests that the estate be administered by a Court-appointed Administrator.

TENTATIVE RULING #16: APPEARANCES ARE REQUIRED AT 8:30 A.M. ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2025, IN DEPARTMENT NINE.

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17.	25PR0297	IN THE MATTER OF GARLEANE MASON REVOCABLE TRUST
Petition or Order Appointing Trustee		

The Petition indicates that all individuals designated to serve as trustee of the subject trust have filed declinations to serve. The Petition requests the Court to appoint a professional trustee to fill the vacancy. Specifically, Petitioners requests that Mia Ehsani be appointed as trustee.

TENTATIVE RULING #17: 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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18.	23PR0138	ESTATE OF DAVIDSON
Final Distribution		

At the hearing on August 25, 2025, the Court set an OSC hearing for suspension or removal of the Administrator. The Administrator appeared pro per at the October 20, 2025, hearing. At that hearing the Court directed the Administrator to file an Inventory and Appraisal and set the matter for Final Distribution and Final Discharge. However, nothing has been filed with the Court since that hearing.

TENTATIVE RULING #18: APPEARANCES ARE REQUIRED AT 8:30 A.M. ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2025, IN DEPARTMENT NINE.

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