

## **Guardianship Tentative Rulings**

**November 4, 2024**

**8:30 a.m.**

**Department 42**

**NOTICE TO ALL GUARDIANS AND PETITIONERS:** Phone appearances are highly recommended. Additionally, the Court's Self Help Center is available by phone and email to assist Guardians and Petitioners. The Self Help Center does not provide assistance with Guardianships of the Estate. Please see the Court's website for updated information and contact information for the Court's Self Help Center.

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## **GUARDIANSHIP OF GAEA CAIN**

**Case Number: 24PG-0032591**

**Disclosure Re: guardianship cases involving Shasta County Health and Human Services Agency**-Judge Wood discloses that her step-daughter, Erinn Watts, is the Administrative Branch Director of the Health and Human Services Agency. In that position, Judge Wood's step-daughter does not have any involvement in the investigation, management, prosecution or defense of guardianship cases. However, the Court makes this disclosure of an employment relationship between an investigating agency and the Court's first degree relative as required by California Code of Judicial Ethics.

This matter is on calendar for hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of the Person of minor Gaea Cain. The Petition was filed by non-relatives Audra and Alexander Siqueiros. Temporary Letters have not issued.

On September 23, 2024, the Court found that the matter had been properly noticed, however, the mother informed the Court that the minor may be an Indian child. The ICWA-010(A) and ICWA-030 forms were filed on October 1, 2024 and notice under ICWA was provided on the same date. No response has been received.

The Court has reviewed and considered the Children's Services report filed September 11, 2024 and agrees with the recommendation to grant the Petition. The Court **FINDS** it would be detrimental for the child to be with either parent or any parent objecting to the guardianship, the guardianship is in the child's best interest, and the guardianship is necessary and convenient. The proposed guardian is suitable.

The Court **GRANTS** the Petition. Visitation shall be at the Guardian's discretion. A proposed Order Appointing Guardian has been lodged and will be executed by the Court. Annual Review is set for **Monday, November 3, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. in Department 42.** **No appearance is necessary on today's calendar.**

## **GUARDIANSHIP OF LOIS AND ELIZABETH ENGLAND**

**Case Number: CVPG16-0028844**

**Disclosure Re: guardianship cases involving Shasta County Health and Human Services Agency**-Judge Wood discloses that her step-daughter, Erinn Watts, is the Administrative Branch Director of the Health and Human Services Agency. In that position, Judge Wood's step-daughter does not have any involvement in the investigation, management, prosecution or defense of guardianship cases. However, the Court makes this disclosure of an employment relationship between an investigating agency and the Court's first degree relative as required by California Code of Judicial Ethics.

This matter is on calendar for further proceedings regarding the guardianship of the minors Lois and Elizabeth England. On August 26, 2024, the Court suspended the guardianship held by Trudy Savage and Randy Savage (maternal grandmother and step-grandfather). Letters of Temporary Guardianship issued on October 3, 2024 and the Temporary Guardians are the minors' aunt and

uncle, Patricia Osborn and Sean Konu. The Temporary Letters are set to expire today unless otherwise extended.

The mother Shellie England filed a Petition for Termination on July 23, 2024. All necessary parties have been timely served with the exception of sibling Rebecca. Because Rebecca is under the age of 12, Rebecca may be served through the parent or guardian with whom she resides. Prob. Code § 1460.1. No objections have been filed. The Court has reviewed the Court Investigator's Report filed September 16, 2024 that recommends denying the Petition for Termination.

On October 2, 2024, the Temporary Guardians filed a Petition for Appointment of Successor Guardian and a Petition for Removal of Guardian. No proofs of service have been filed for either Petition. As to the Petition for Appointment of Successor Guardian, the Court will dispense with notice to the deceased maternal grandfather and deceased paternal grandmother. The mother, father, minor Lois, and former guardians must be personally served in order to proceed with the Petition. The paternal grandfather and siblings may be served by mail. For siblings under 12 years of age, service can be on the parent or guardian with whom the sibling resides. Prob. Code § 1460.1. The Court will inquire whether the children are or may be Indian children. If Petitioners have reason to know that the children are Indian children, they must make further inquiry to learn about the children's Indian heritage. The Court has reviewed the Court Investigator's Report filed October 22, 2024 that recommends granting the Successor Petition as to Lois and denying as to Elizabeth. Given Successor Petition, the Petition for Removal will be placed in a trailing status.

As to Elizabeth only, the matter is referred to HHS Children's Services Division pursuant to Prob. Code § 1513(b) to initiate an investigation pursuant to Welfare & Institutions Code § 329(b). The clerk is directed to serve Children's Services with a copy of today's minutes and the Court Investigator's Reports filed August 16, 2024, September 17, 2024, and October 22, 2024.

In light of the Court Investigator's recommendation to deny the Petition as to Elizabeth and the referral to Children's Services the Court will appoint the public defender to represent the minors.

The matter is continued to **Monday, December 9, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. in Department 42** for further proceedings on the Petition for Termination and Petition to Appoint Successor Guardian and for confirmation of minors' counsel. The Temporary Guardianship is ORDERED to remain in effect until the continued hearing date. Petitioners are ordered to file and serve a new Notice of Hearing with the continued hearing date on the parties identified above. In the alternative, if Petitioners cannot serve the parties identified, the Court will require a declaration explaining why they cannot be served and the efforts of Petitioners to locate and serve the parties identified, in order to permit the Court to dispense with notice to the party. **Warning: Failure to properly effect service or provide adequate basis to dispense with service as to the necessary parties will result in denial of the Petitions. Notice is preserved. No appearance is necessary on today's calendar.**

## **GUARDIANSHIP OF ARTEMIS, ATHENA, AND NEMESIS EVANS-DEPINA**

**Case Number: 23PG-0031894**

**Disclosure Re: guardianship cases involving Shasta County Health and Human Services Agency-**Judge Wood discloses that her step-daughter, Erinn Watts, is the Administrative Branch Director of the Health and Human Services Agency. In that position, Judge Wood's step-daughter does not have any involvement in the investigation, management, prosecution or defense of guardianship cases. However, the Court makes this disclosure of an employment relationship between an investigating agency and the Court's first degree relative as required by California Code of Judicial Ethics.

This matter is on calendar to confirm the Court Trials for 1) Petition for Appointment of Successor Guardian of the Minor, Nemesis Evans-Depina, filed by Daniel and Ashley Buchanan; 2) Petition for Appointment of Successor Guardian of Minors, Artemis and Athena Evans-Depina, filed by Chris and Lauren Donaghe; 3) Petition for Visitation, filed by Father, Andrew Depina; and 4) Petition for Termination of Guardianship, filed by Parents, Andrew and Stormy Depina. All matters are calendared for contested hearing on November 4, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. in Department 42. Aneke Stokes represents the minors and has confirmed representation.

All Petitions are properly noticed with the exception of the Petition for Termination filed by the parents Andrew and Stormy Depina. The Court dispensed with notice to the deceased paternal grandfather. The siblings, Guardians, proposed Guardians, and paternal grandmother have been served. Based on the service on the Guardians and proposed Guardians, the Court deemed the minors to have been timely served. The Guardians have filed an objection. There is no proof of service on the maternal grandparents. At the last hearing on September 23, 2024, the Court noted that Petition states that the maternal grandparents are unknown but prior Petitions identify them as Kathy and Edward Borders. The Court requires service on the maternal grandparents to proceed on the Petition for Termination. The parents were notified of this as the minutes from September 23, 2024 were mailed to the parents on October 8, 2024.

**An appearance is necessary to confirm today's contested hearings.**

## **GUARDIANSHIP OF AIDYN FLAMMINI**

**Case Number: CVPG17-0029352**

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This matter is on calendar for further proceedings on a Petition for Appointment of Successor Guardian of the Person of minor, Aidyn Flammini. The Petition was filed by the minor's aunt and uncle, Barbara and Gary Grewell. The Current Guardian is the maternal grandfather, Charles Flammini.

The Court previously dispensed with notice to the deceased mother and deceased paternal grandmother. A consent has been filed on behalf of the Guardian/maternal grandfather but it was executed by a purported power of attorney. A copy of the power of attorney was not provided to establish authority to sign on behalf of the Guardian/maternal grandfather. The Court notes that a Petitioners have requested that the Court dispense with notice to the father and paternal grandparents, however, insufficient information has been provided to permit the Court to dispense with notice to these parties. The father, minor, and Guardian/maternal grandfather must be personally served in order to move forward on the Petition. Prob. Code § 1511(b). All other parties may be served by mail. Prob. Code § 1511(c).

The Court has reviewed the Court Investigator's report, filed September 5, 2024, which recommends granting the Petition. The Court will inquire whether the child is or may be an Indian child. If Petitioner has reason to know that the child is an Indian child, they must make further inquiry to learn about the child's Indian heritage. Notice has been provided under ICWA. The United States Department of the Interior has responded to the ICWA notice that the identified tribe is not a federally recognized tribe.

The Courts notes that Petitioners have not filed a Consent of Proposed Guardian (Judicial Council Form GC-211). This form must be filed as to each proposed Guardian and Item 1 must be completed.

This matter is continued to **Monday, December 30, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. in Department 42** for further proceedings on the Petition. Petitioner is ordered to file and serve a new Notice of Hearing, along with a copy of the Petition, for the continued hearing date on the parties identified above. In the alternative, if Petitioner cannot serve the parties identified above, the Court will require a declaration explaining in further detail why they cannot be served and the efforts of Petitioner to locate and serve the parties identified, in order to permit the Court to dispense with notice to the parties. **Warning: Failure to properly effect service or provide adequate basis to dispense with service as to the necessary parties will result in denial of the Petition. Notice is preserved. No appearance is necessary on today's calendar.**

## **GUARDIANSHIP OF KYLE FODEN**

**Case Number: 24PG-0032509**

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This matter is on calendar for further proceedings on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of the Person of minor Kyle Foden. The Petition was filed by non-relative Amanda Smith. There is no temporary guardianship in place. The Court noted several service issues on August 12, 2024 and again on September 23, 2024. The matter was continued both times to give Petitioner time to effect proper service. Nothing has been filed by Petitioner since July 20, 2024. The Petition is **DENIED** without prejudice for lack of notice to the necessary parties. The clerk is directed to close the file and vacate any future court dates. **No appearance is necessary on today's calendar.**

## **GUARDIANSHIP OF SIRYNA GAITHER AND PEYTON PRESTA**

### **Case Number: CVPG21-0031368**

**Disclosure Re: guardianship cases involving Shasta County Health and Human Services Agency**-Judge Wood discloses that her step-daughter, Erinn Watts, is the Administrative Branch Director of the Health and Human Services Agency. In that position, Judge Wood's step-daughter does not have any involvement in the investigation, management, prosecution or defense of guardianship cases. However, the Court makes this disclosure of an employment relationship between an investigating agency and the Court's first degree relative as required by California Code of Judicial Ethics.

This matter is on calendar for further proceedings on a Petition for Termination of Guardianship and Petition for Visitation both filed by the mother, Kaitlyn Amerine. The Guardians are paternal grandparents Jennifer and Mike Presta. This Court notes that this matter has been stayed since April 8, 2024, however, the stay is now lifted.

The Petition for Termination has been properly noticed. The Petition for Visitation has not as there is no proof of service on Guardian Jennifer Presta.

Petitioner has filed a declaration dated October 29, 2024 that attaches the Court's Ruling from confidential cases that were heard by the Honorable Gary Gibson, that document is stricken as it is confidential. The Clerk is ordered to remove it from the file and return it to Petitioner's counsel..

**An appearance is necessary on today's calendar to discuss both Petitions.**

## **GUARDIANSHIP OF GUNNER GILLIAM**

### **Case Number: CVPG16-0028762**

**Disclosure Re: guardianship cases involving Shasta County Health and Human Services Agency**-Judge Wood discloses that her step-daughter, Erinn Watts, is the Administrative Branch Director of the Health and Human Services Agency. In that position, Judge Wood's step-daughter does not have any involvement in the investigation, management, prosecution or defense of guardianship cases. However, the Court makes this disclosure of an employment relationship between an investigating agency and the Court's first degree relative as required by California Code of Judicial Ethics.

This matter is on calendar for further proceedings on a Petition for Termination of Guardianship filed by the father, Edward Martinez. The matter was continued from October 7, 2024 to provide the father more time to serve the Petition. Nothing has been filed since the last hearing and service has not been made on any of the necessary parties. The Petition is **DENIED** without prejudice for lack of notice to the necessary parties. The clerk is directed to close the file and vacate any future court dates. **No appearance is necessary on today's calendar.**

## **GUARDIANSHIP OF ABBY JORDAN**

**Case Number: CVPG21-0031162**

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This matter is on calendar for an Order to Show Cause issued to the Guardian for failure to appear at the previous hearing and for failure to file the required Confidential Guardianship Status Report. The matter is also on calendar for further proceedings on the Annual Review. No response to the Order to Show Cause has been submitted. The Status Report has not been submitted. **An appearance is necessary on today's calendar to discuss the Guardianship's status. The Guardian may appear by telephone. Warning: Failure to appear on today's calendar will result in the issuance of both monetary sanctions in the sum of \$250.00, and an Order to Show Cause re: Termination of Guardianship and referral to the court investigator.**

## **GUARDIANSHIP OF BRYSON AND RYLINN KILBURGER, CARTER FULK, AND KALEB, ALEAH, AND GAGE BULLINS**

**Case Number: 23PG-0031895**

**Disclosure Re: guardianship cases involving Shasta County Health and Human Services Agency**-Judge Wood discloses that her step-daughter, Erinn Watts, is the Administrative Branch Director of the Health and Human Services Agency. In that position, Judge Wood's step-daughter does not have any involvement in the investigation, management, prosecution or defense of guardianship cases. However, the Court makes this disclosure of an employment relationship between an investigating agency and the Court's first degree relative as required by California Code of Judicial Ethics.

This matter is on calendar for a Petition for Visitation filed by Courtney Fulk (mother) and Christopher Bullins (father to Carter, Kaleb, Aleah, and Gage). A Notice of Hearing was filed, however it does not include a valid proof of service indicating that the Guardians Scott Bullins and Alicia Martin were served with the Petition.

This matter is continued to **Monday, November 25, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. in Department 42.** Petitioner is ordered to file and serve a new Notice of Hearing with the continued hearing date and serve the Petition on the Guardians. The Notice of Hearing must state the title of the Petition. **Warning: Failure to properly effect service or provide adequate basis to dispense with service as to the necessary parties will result in denial of the Petition. Notice is preserved. No appearance is necessary on today's calendar.**

## **GUARDIANSHIP OF ROSEMARY LAFFERTY**

**Case Number: CVPG18-0029568**

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This matter is on calendar for Annual Review. The annual Confidential Guardianship Status Report has been received by the Court. **An appearance is necessary on today's calendar to discuss a Petition for Termination of Guardianship as the minor is residing with her father.**

## **GUARDIANSHIP OF LLOYD AND AIDEN LEVAS**

**Case Number: CVPG20-0030517**

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This matter is on calendar for status of Petition for Change of Venue. Substitutions of Attorney were filed as to each Guardian on August 19 and 22, 2024 and the Guardians are now self-represented. On October 29, 2024, Guardians filed two Petitions for Change of Venue from Shasta to Merced County.

A Notice of Hearing was filed, however, service is untimely as the Petition must be served at least 15 days prior to the date set for hearing. Prob. Code § 2214. The Petitions must be served on the mother, father, maternal grandmother, sibling, and the minors. The Court will dispense with notice to the deceased maternal and paternal grandfathers. The paternal grandmother is deemed served as she is one of the Guardians. Service may be accomplished by mail for all listed parties. Petitioners are reminded that a proof of service must be complete, including Item 4 which is blank on the Proof of Service by Mail submitted with the Petitions.

This matter is continued to **Monday, December 30, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. in Department 42.**



Petitioner is ordered to file and serve a new Notice of Hearing with the continued hearing date on all necessary parties. If Petitioner cannot serve any of the necessary parties, the Court will require a declaration explaining why they cannot be served and the efforts of Petitioner to locate and serve the parties identified, in order to permit the Court to dispense with notice to the party. **Warning: Failure to properly effect service or provide adequate basis to dispense with service as to the necessary parties will result in denial of the Petition. Notice is preserved. No appearance is necessary on today's calendar.**

## **GUARDIANSHIP OF EVAN AND ELOIS MASSEY**

**Case Number: 23PG-0032092**

**Disclosure Re: guardianship cases involving Shasta County Health and Human Services Agency**-Judge Wood discloses that her step-daughter, Erinn Watts, is the Administrative Branch Director of the Health and Human Services Agency. In that position, Judge Wood's step-daughter does not have any involvement in the investigation, management, prosecution or defense of guardianship cases. However, the Court makes this disclosure of an employment relationship between an investigating agency and the Court's first degree relative as required by California Code of Judicial Ethics.

This matter is on calendar for review status of Temporary Guardianship of Evan and Elois Masey. The Temporary Guardians are sister Alyssa Massey-Morris and her significant other Harrison Payne. Letters of Temporary Guardianship issued on October 17, 2023 following a stipulation being submitted by the parties. Counsel for the parents Christina and Ronald Massey filed a Declaration on October 16, 2024. Nothing has been filed by the Temporary Guardians. **An appearance is necessary on today's calendar to discuss the status of the Temporary Guardianship.**

## **GUARDIANSHIP OF MICHAEL MCMULLEN, JR**

**Case Number: CVPG20-0030500**

**Disclosure Re: guardianship cases involving Shasta County Health and Human Services Agency**-Judge Wood discloses that her step-daughter, Erinn Watts, is the Administrative Branch Director of the Health and Human Services Agency. In that position, Judge Wood's step-daughter does not have any involvement in the investigation, management, prosecution or defense of guardianship cases. However, the Court makes this disclosure of an employment relationship between an investigating agency and the Court's first degree relative as required by California Code of Judicial Ethics.

This matter is on calendar for Annual Review. The annual Confidential Guardianship Status Report has not been submitted. **The Guardian is ORDERED to appear at today's hearing and submit the Annual Status Report at the time of the hearing. Failure to do so may result in the issuance of an Order to Show Cause why Monetary Sanctions in the amount of \$250.00 should not be ordered for violating the Court's order to appear and to file the report.**

## **GUARDIANSHIP OF DECLAN MCMULLEN**

**Case Number: CVPG19-0030342**

**Disclosure Re: guardianship cases involving Shasta County Health and Human Services Agency-**Judge Wood discloses that her step-daughter, Erinn Watts, is the Administrative Branch Director of the Health and Human Services Agency. In that position, Judge Wood's step-daughter does not have any involvement in the investigation, management, prosecution or defense of guardianship cases. However, the Court makes this disclosure of an employment relationship between an investigating agency and the Court's first degree relative as required by California Code of Judicial Ethics.

This matter is on calendar for confirmation of the filing of a Petition for Termination of the Guardianship. The Court notes that a Petition for Termination was filed on October 16, 2024 with a Notice of Hearing for November 18, 2024. The Court further notes that no proposed Order for the Petition for Termination was submitted. **No appearance is necessary on today's calendar.**

## **GUARDIANSHIP OF TRINITY MORALES**

**Case Number: CVPG21-0031203**

**Disclosure Re: guardianship cases involving Shasta County Health and Human Services Agency-**Judge Wood discloses that her step-daughter, Erinn Watts, is the Administrative Branch Director of the Health and Human Services Agency. In that position, Judge Wood's step-daughter does not have any involvement in the investigation, management, prosecution or defense of guardianship cases. However, the Court makes this disclosure of an employment relationship between an investigating agency and the Court's first degree relative as required by California Code of Judicial Ethics.

This matter is on calendar for an Order to Show Cause issued to the Guardian for failure to appear at the previous hearing on September 23, 2024 and failure to file status of Guardianship in Oregon. The matter is also on calendar for further proceedings regarding status of Guardianship in Oregon. No response to the Order to Show Cause has been submitted. The Court notes that the minor has been living in the State of Oregon for two years and the Guardians have not established a Guardianship in Oregon. **An appearance is necessary on today's calendar to discuss the Guardianship's status. The Guardians may appear by telephone. Warning: Failure to appear on today's calendar will result in the issuance of both monetary sanctions in the sum of \$250.00 and an Order to Show Cause re: Termination of Guardianship.**

## **GUARDIANSHIP OF EVAN MUCKEL**

**Case Number: 23PG-0031918**

**Disclosure Re: guardianship cases involving Shasta County Health and Human Services Agency**-Judge Wood discloses that her step-daughter, Erinn Watts, is the Administrative Branch Director of the Health and Human Services Agency. In that position, Judge Wood's step-daughter does not have any involvement in the investigation, management, prosecution or defense of guardianship cases. However, the Court makes this disclosure of an employment relationship between an investigating agency and the Court's first degree relative as required by California Code of Judicial Ethics.

This matter is on calendar for hearing on a Petition for Termination of Guardianship filed by the mother Stephanie Muckel. The Guardian is paternal grandmother Pauline Feger. A Notice of Hearing has been filed but it fails to provide evidence that any of the required parties were served. The Petition fails to name siblings Grase Ashworth and Alexis Muckel. Service is needed on the father, maternal grandparents, Guardian/paternal grandmother, minor, and siblings Ava, Trinity, Grace, and Alexis. Service may be accomplished by mail and must be at least fifteen days prior to the continued hearing date. The Court has reviewed the Court Investigator's report filed October 29, 2024 that recommends denying the Petition.

A Declaration was filed by the Guardian that the Court considers to be an Objection. The Public Defender is appointed to represent the minor.

This matter is continued to **Monday, December 23, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. in Department 42.** Petitioner is ordered to file and serve a new Notice of Hearing with the continued hearing date on all necessary parties. If Petitioner cannot serve any of the necessary parties, the Court will require a declaration explaining why they cannot be served and the efforts of Petitioner to locate and serve the parties identified, in order to permit the Court to dispense with notice to the party. **Warning: Failure to properly effect service or provide adequate basis to dispense with service as to the necessary parties will result in denial of the Petition. Notice is preserved. No appearance is necessary on today's calendar.**

## **GUARDIANSHIP OF NADIA PADILLA**

**Case Number: 23PG-0032061**

**Disclosure Re: guardianship cases involving Shasta County Health and Human Services Agency**-Judge Wood discloses that her step-daughter, Erinn Watts, is the Administrative Branch Director of the Health and Human Services Agency. In that position, Judge Wood's step-daughter does not have any involvement in the investigation, management, prosecution or defense of guardianship cases. However, the Court makes this disclosure of an employment relationship between an investigating agency and the Court's first degree relative as required by California Code of Judicial Ethics.

This matter is on calendar for confirmation of filing of the first periodic account and report of the Guardian pursuant to Prob. Code § 2620. The first periodic account and report of the Guardian has not been filed. **An appearance by the Guardian is necessary on today's calendar.**

## **GUARDIANSHIP OF EMILIO, SERGIO, AND JULIO RAMOS**

**Case Number: 24PG-0032518**

**Disclosure Re: guardianship cases involving Shasta County Health and Human Services Agency**-Judge Wood discloses that her step-daughter, Erinn Watts, is the Administrative Branch Director of the Health and Human Services Agency. In that position, Judge Wood's step-daughter does not have any involvement in the investigation, management, prosecution or defense of guardianship cases. However, the Court makes this disclosure of an employment relationship between an investigating agency and the Court's first degree relative as required by California Code of Judicial Ethics.

This matter is on calendar for further proceedings on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of the Person of minors, Emilio, Julio, and Sergio Ramos. The Petition was filed by the minors' paternal aunt and her husband, Brianna and Johsua Prince. Letters of Temporary Guardianship issued on October 3, 2024. The Temporary Guardianship's powers are set to expire today unless further extended.

The paternal grandmother and siblings Isabella and Isaiah were timely served for the prior hearing. The Court previously dispensed with notice to the maternal grandparents and deceased paternal grandfather. The mother and father have filed objections, and the Court deems them to have notice. The Petition has been properly served and is ready to be set for hearing.

The Public Defender was appointed to represent the minors. An appearance for confirmation of counsel is necessary.

The Court has reviewed the Court Investigator's report, filed August 6, 2024, which recommends granting the Petition. In the ICWA-010(A), it is noted that each minor may be an Indian child but there is no tribe listed. The Court inquired further on September 23, 2024 and the mother informed the Court that the children do not have Indian Ancestry. The ICWA issue was deemed to be resolved.

**An appearance is necessary on today's calendar to confirm counsel for the minors and to set a contested hearing. The temporary orders will remain in effect pending the contested hearing.**

## **GUARDIANSHIP OF ZURORRA RAY**

**Case Number: 24PG-0032634**

**Disclosure Re: guardianship cases involving Shasta County Health and Human Services Agency**-Judge Wood discloses that her step-daughter, Erinn Watts, is the Administrative Branch Director of the Health and Human Services Agency. In that position, Judge Wood's step-daughter does not have any involvement in the investigation, management, prosecution or defense of guardianship cases. However, the Court makes this disclosure of an employment relationship between an investigating agency and the Court's first degree relative as required by California Code of Judicial Ethics.

This matter is on calendar for hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of the Person of minor Zurorra Ray. The Petition was filed by non-relative Courtney Taylor. Temporary Letters did not issue.

Invalid Consents were filed as to the mother, maternal grandmother, and minor. There is no proof of service for the father, paternal grandparents, or siblings.

The Court has reviewed the Children's Services Report filed October 28, 2024 that recommends denying the Petition. Children's Services noted that the proposed Guardian no longer intends to move forward with the Petition.

**An appearance is necessary on today's calendar. Absent an appearance by the Petitioner, the Court intends to deny the Petition for failure to properly notice the Petition.**

## **GUARDIANSHIP OF ALVIN AND CAROL RODRIGUEZ**

**Case Number: CVPG18-0029514**

**Disclosure Re: guardianship cases involving Shasta County Health and Human Services Agency-Judge Wood** discloses that her step-daughter, Erinn Watts, is the Administrative Branch Director of the Health and Human Services Agency. In that position, Judge Wood's step-daughter does not have any involvement in the investigation, management, prosecution or defense of guardianship cases. However, the Court makes this disclosure of an employment relationship between an investigating agency and the Court's first degree relative as required by California Code of Judicial Ethics.

This matter is on calendar for hearing on a Petition for Termination of Guardianship as to minor Carol filed by the Guardians Shane and Kim Grabeel. A Notice of Hearing has been filed but it fails to provide evidence that any of the required parties were served. The Petition itself is defective as it only lists the Guardians and sibling Alvin under Item 9 of the Petition. An Amended Petition and Notice of Hearing for the continued hearing date will be necessary.

The matter is also on calendar to confirm the Public Defender's Representation of Carol. An appearance by the Public Defender is necessary to confirm representation. The Court Investigator has requested a continuance in order to have sufficient time to draft the report. The minor is a member of the Pit River Tribe and Gilda Chibante appeared on behalf of the Pit River Tribe at the last hearing.

This matter is also on calendar for further proceedings regarding Annual Status Review of both minors. The Court accepts the Confidential Guardianship Report filed as to Alvin and will set the matter for Annual Review.

This matter is continued to **Monday, December 16, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. in Department 42.** Petitioner is ordered to file and serve an Amended Petition for Termination and a new Notice of Hearing with the continued hearing date on all necessary parties. If Petitioner cannot serve any of the necessary parties, the Court will require a declaration explaining why they cannot be served and the efforts of Petitioner to locate and serve the parties identified, in order to permit the Court

to dispense with notice to the party. **Warning: Failure to properly effect service or provide adequate basis to dispense with service as to the necessary parties will result in denial of the Petition. Notice is preserved. No appearance is necessary on today's calendar with the exception of the Public Defender who needs to confirm representation.**

## **GUARDIANSHIP OF ANDREW RYAN**

**Case Number: CVPG16-0028657**

This matter is on calendar for hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Successor Co-Guardian of **Disclosure Re: guardianship cases involving Shasta County Health and Human Services Agency**-Judge Wood discloses that her step-daughter, Erinn Watts, is the Administrative Branch Director of the Health and Human Services Agency. In that position, Judge Wood's step-daughter does not have any involvement in the investigation, management, prosecution or defense of guardianship cases. However, the Court makes this disclosure of an employment relationship between an investigating agency and the Court's first degree relative as required by California Code of Judicial Ethics.

the Person of minor Andrew Ryan and Motion to Terminate Co-Guardian. The Guardians are paternal grandfather Ralph Ryan and non-relative Debra Deason. The Petition was filed by Ralph Ryan and Eric Ryan who is the paternal uncle of the minor and would remove Debra Deason as Co-Guardian and replace her with Eric Ryan as the Co-Gurdian.

Petitioners have provided a declaration requesting that the Court dispense with notice to the mother and father. The Court will dispense with notice to the mother and father. The Court notes that Consents have been filed as to the minor and the maternal grandmother. There is no proof of service on the maternal grandparents, siblings or Guardian Debra Deason. Debra Deason must be personally served. All others may be served by mail.

The Court has reviewed the Court Investigator's report, filed October 21, 2018, which recommends granting the Petition. The Court will inquire whether the child is or may be an Indian child. If Petitioner has reason to know that the child is an Indian child, they must make further inquiry to learn about the child's Indian heritage.

This matter is continued to **Monday, December 23, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. in Department 42** for further proceedings on the Petition. Petitioner is ordered to file and serve a new Notice of Hearing, along with a copy of the Petition, for the continued hearing date on the parties identified above. In the alternative, if Petitioner cannot serve the parties identified above, the Court will require a declaration explaining why they cannot be served and the efforts of Petitioner to locate and serve the parties identified, in order to permit the Court to dispense with notice to the parties. **Warning: Failure to properly effect service or provide adequate basis to dispense with service as to the necessary parties will result in denial of the Petition. Notice is preserved. No appearance is necessary on today's calendar.**

## **GUARDIANSHIP OF CHAD SARTORI, JR**

**Case Number: CVPG21-0030996**

**Disclosure Re: guardianship cases involving Shasta County Health and Human Services Agency-**Judge Wood discloses that her step-daughter, Erinn Watts, is the Administrative Branch Director of the Health and Human Services Agency. In that position, Judge Wood's step-daughter does not have any involvement in the investigation, management, prosecution or defense of guardianship cases. However, the Court makes this disclosure of an employment relationship between an investigating agency and the Court's first degree relative as required by California Code of Judicial Ethics.

This matter is on calendar for hearing on a Petition for Visitation filed by the minor's mother Amber Baldry. There is no proof of service on the Guardian Bailey McNabb. The Guardian must be noticed in order to proceed with the Petition. The Guardian may be served by mail. This matter is continued to **Monday, November 25, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. in Department 42.** Petitioner is ordered to file and serve a new Notice of Hearing with the continued hearing date on the Guardian. **Warning: Failure to properly effect service will result in denial of the Petition. Notice is preserved. No appearance is necessary on today's calendar.**

## **GUARDIANSHIP OF ARROW SHOMER**

**Case Number: 24PG-0032332**

**Disclosure Re: guardianship cases involving Shasta County Health and Human Services Agency-**Judge Wood discloses that her step-daughter, Erinn Watts, is the Administrative Branch Director of the Health and Human Services Agency. In that position, Judge Wood's step-daughter does not have any involvement in the investigation, management, prosecution or defense of guardianship cases. However, the Court makes this disclosure of an employment relationship between an investigating agency and the Court's first degree relative as required by California Code of Judicial Ethics.

This matter is on calendar for further proceedings on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of the Person of minor, Arrow Shomer. The Petition was filed by the minor's maternal grandmother and her husband, Gayle and Ray Stewart. Letters of Temporary Guardianship issued on February 21, 2024. The Temporary Guardianship's powers are set to expire today unless further extended.

The father consents to the appointment. The paternal grandparents were served by mail for a prior hearing date. The mother and sibling were personally served for today's hearing date. The Court dispenses with notice to the deceased maternal grandfather. The Court finds that this matter has been properly noticed.

Court has reviewed and considered the Court Investigator's report filed March 7, 2024 and agrees with the recommendation to grant the Petition. The Court **FINDS** it would be detrimental for the child to be with either parent or any parent objecting to the guardianship, the guardianship is in the child's best interest, and the guardianship is necessary and convenient. The proposed guardian is suitable.

The Court **GRANTS** the Petition. Visitation shall be at the Guardian's discretion. A proposed Order Appointing Guardian has been lodged and will be executed by the Court. Annual Review is set for **Monday, November 3, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. in Department 42**. **No appearance is necessary on today's calendar.**

## **GUARDIANSHIP OF HAZEL TARA**

**Case Number: CVPG17-0029164**

**Disclosure Re: guardianship cases involving Shasta County Health and Human Services Agency**-Judge Wood discloses that her step-daughter, Erinn Watts, is the Administrative Branch Director of the Health and Human Services Agency. In that position, Judge Wood's step-daughter does not have any involvement in the investigation, management, prosecution or defense of guardianship cases. However, the Court makes this disclosure of an employment relationship between an investigating agency and the Court's first degree relative as required by California Code of Judicial Ethics.

This matter is on calendar for Annual Review. The annual Confidential Guardianship Status Report has not been submitted. **The Guardian is ORDERED to appear at today's hearing and submit the Annual Status Report at the time of the hearing. Failure to do so may result in the issuance of an Order to Show Cause why Monetary Sanctions in the amount of \$250.00 should not be ordered for violating the Court's order to appear and to file the report.**

## **GUARDIANSHIP OF CHAYSIN UPSON**

**Case Number: CVPG19-0030193**

**Disclosure Re: guardianship cases involving Shasta County Health and Human Services Agency**-Judge Wood discloses that her step-daughter, Erinn Watts, is the Administrative Branch Director of the Health and Human Services Agency. In that position, Judge Wood's step-daughter does not have any involvement in the investigation, management, prosecution or defense of guardianship cases. However, the Court makes this disclosure of an employment relationship between an investigating agency and the Court's first degree relative as required by California Code of Judicial Ethics.

This matter is on calendar for review regarding status of Washington Guardianship and further proceedings on Annual Review. Nothing has been filed since the last hearing date on May 6, 2024 when the Court expressed its concern regarding the State of California not having jurisdiction over the minor now that the minor resides in Washington. **An appearance is necessary on today's calendar.**



## **GUARDIANSHIP OF ALEXANDRA URBAN**

**Case Number: CVPG18-0029698**

**Disclosure Re: guardianship cases involving Shasta County Health and Human Services Agency**-Judge Wood discloses that her step-daughter, Erinn Watts, is the Administrative Branch Director of the Health and Human Services Agency. In that position, Judge Wood's step-daughter does not have any involvement in the investigation, management, prosecution or defense of guardianship cases. However, the Court makes this disclosure of an employment relationship between an investigating agency and the Court's first degree relative as required by California Code of Judicial Ethics.

This matter is on calendar for hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Successor Guardian of the Person of minor Alexandra Urban and Petition for Removal of Guardian Rachelle Sermone who is the maternal aunt of the minor. The Petition was filed by the minor's sister Alyssa Urban.

The Guardian has been personally served and the paternal grandparents have been served by mail. There is no proof of service of the Notice of Hearing for the mother, father, maternal grandmother, minor, sibling, or maternal grandparents. A declaration was submitted requesting the Court dispense with notice to the mother, father, and maternal grandmother. Insufficient information has been provided to permit the Court to dispense with notice to these parties. The mother, father, and minor must be personally served. The maternal grandparents and sibling may be served by mail. The Court notes that the Consents filed as to the minor and sibling are invalid.

The Court has reviewed the Court Investigator's report, filed October 21, 2024, which recommends granting the Petition. The Court will inquire whether the child is or may be an Indian child. If Petitioner has reason to know that the child is an Indian child, they must make further inquiry to learn about the child's Indian heritage.

This matter is continued to **Monday, December 9, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. in Department 42** for further proceedings on the Petition. Petitioner is ordered to file and serve a new Notice of Hearing, along with a copy of the Petition, for the continued hearing date on the parties identified above. In the alternative, if Petitioner cannot serve the parties identified above, the Court will require a declaration explaining why they cannot be served and the efforts of Petitioner to locate and serve the parties identified, in order to permit the Court to dispense with notice to the parties. **Warning: Failure to properly effect service or provide adequate basis to dispense with service as to the necessary parties will result in denial of the Petition. Notice is preserved. No appearance is necessary on today's calendar.**

## **GUARDIANSHIP OF KEELEY AND KILLIAN WOLPERN**

**Case Number: CVPG21-0031229**

**Disclosure Re: guardianship cases involving Shasta County Health and Human Services Agency-**Judge Wood discloses that her step-daughter, Erinn Watts, is the Administrative Branch Director of the Health and Human Services Agency. In that position, Judge Wood's step-daughter does not have any involvement in the investigation, management, prosecution or defense of guardianship cases. However, the Court makes this disclosure of an employment relationship between an investigating agency and the Court's first degree relative as required by California Code of Judicial Ethics.

This matter is on calendar for status of mother's visitation. On September 9, 2024, the Court ordered alternate weekend visitation with the mother. The minors are represented by the Public Defender.

This matter is also on calendar for Annual Review. The annual Confidential Guardianship Status Reports have not been submitted.

**An appearance is necessary on today's calendar to discuss the status of the mother's visitation and Confidential Guardianship Status Reports.**