

**Tentative Rulings**  
**April 28, 2025**  
**Department 44**  
**2:30 p.m.**

**\*\*\*The Tentative Rulings below are designed to eliminate unnecessary court appearances. If the Court grants a Petition and signs your order, it will be processed and placed in your will-call or deposited in the mail after Monday's calendar. If you wish to appear on your case, telephonic appearances are strongly encouraged utilizing CourtCall. Please schedule your appearance online for Department 44 at Courtcall.com or by calling 888-882-6878 (See CourtCall link under "General Information" on the Court's website). \*\*\***

### **CONSERVATORSHIPS**

#### **CONSERVATORSHIP OF JEREMIAH BITHER**

**Case Number: 25PC-0032821**

This matter is on calendar for hearing on a Petition for Appointment of a Limited Conservator of the Person. The Citation has been filed with proper proof of service. Counsel has been appointed for the Conservatee. No objections have been raised. The Capacity Declaration has been reviewed and is accepted by the Court. The Court Investigator's report filed April 16, 2025, recommends granting the Petition. The paperwork appears to be in order, with the exception that the matter has not been properly noticed. There is no proof of service for Far Northern Regional Center, who is entitled to notice at least 30 days before the hearing on the petition. Prob. Code § 1822(e). Further, the Confidential Conservatorship Screening Form (Judicial Council Form GC-314) for both Karen Bither and Cynthia Rhine are blank as to item 6(b). An amended GC-314 must be completed and filed by each proposed conservator to correct the defect prior to the next hearing. The matter is continued to **Monday, June 16, 2025, at 2:30 p.m. in Department 44** for further proceedings on the Petition. The Temporary Conservatorship is ORDERED to remain in effect until the continued hearing date. 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 Regional Center. Temporary Letters shall be extended until June 16, 2025. Petitioner shall submit updated Temporary Letters. **No appearance is necessary on today's calendar.**

#### **CONSERVATORSHIP OF WILLIAM BRUCE**

**Case Number: CVPG11-0026979**

This matter is on calendar for hearing on the Seventh Periodic and Final Account and Report of Conservator, Petition for Approval of Fees, Distribution of Estate Remainder, and Termination of Conservatorship. The matter has been properly noticed, with proof of service on file. No objections have been raised. The Petition requests distribution to the Public Administrator but fails to provide sufficient facts to justify the distribution. The Court requires information related to whether there is a pending estate, whether the heirs intend on opening an estate and whether the Public Administrator plans on administering the estate. This matter is continued to **Monday, June 16, 2025, at 2:30 p.m. in Department 44** for further proceedings on the Petition. Petitioner shall file a Supplemental Declaration which provides the information identified above. **No appearance is necessary on today's calendar.**

## **CONSERVATORSHIP OF AUSTIN DICK**

**Case Number: 24PC-0032571**

This matter is on calendar to confirm filing of the Proof of Service of Notice of Conservatee's Rights and Conservatorship Care Plan. All documents have been filed and are accepted by the court. The court notes the future date of February 23, 2026. **No appearance is necessary on today's calendar.**

## **CONSERVATORSHIP OF HUNTER DICK**

**Case Number: 24PC-0032572**

This matter is on calendar to confirm filing of the Proof of Service of Notice of Conservatee's Rights and Conservatorship Care Plan. All documents have been filed and are accepted by the court. The court notes the future date of February 23, 2026. **No appearance is necessary on today's calendar.**

## **CONSERVATORSHIP OF HAROLD ENGEL**

**Case Number: CVPG20-0030553**

This matter is on calendar for further proceedings on the First and the Second and Final Account of Conservator. The matter was continued to allow the parties to file a stipulation to withdraw the objection previously filed. In light of the stipulation and order filed April 15, 2025, to withdraw the objection, the Petition is **GRANTED**. This matter is set for **Monday, June 16, 2025, at 2:30 p.m. in Department 44** for confirmation of filing of Receipts and Petition for Final Discharge. **No appearance is necessary on today's calendar.**

## **CONSERVATORSHIP OF CECILY GONZALEZ**

**Case Number: CVPG21-0031087**

This matter is on calendar for hearing on a Petition for Appointment of a Temporary Limited Co-Conservator of the Person. The matter has not been properly noticed. There is no proof of service on the Conservatee. The Conservatee must be personally served with Notice of Hearing and a copy of the Petition at least 5 days before the hearing. The matter is continued to **Monday, May 19, 2025, at 2:30 p.m. in Department 44** for further proceedings on the Petition. If the proposed Co-Conservator wishes to proceed with her request for temporary conservatorship, she must file and serve a new Notice of Hearing for the continued date on the Conservatee. The Court notes the future date of May 19, 2025, for a Petition for Appointment of Co-Conservator of the Person and Estate. **No appearance is necessary on today's calendar.**

## **CONSERVATORSHIP OF ARGENT HALE**

**Case Number: 23PC-0032036**

This matter is on calendar to confirm filing of an Amended Accounting. An Amended Accounting was filed April 7, 2025, and was noticed for hearing on April 21, 2025. At the hearing on April 21, 2025, the Court continued the matter to June 16, 2025, for further proceedings on the Amended Petition. Today's hearing has been **VACATED**. **No appearance is necessary on today's calendar.**

## **CONSERVATORSHIP OF NICOLE QUINT**

**Case Number: CVPG06-0024989**

This matter is on calendar for confirmation of filing of the Notice of Death. A Notice of Death has not been filed. A Declaration has been filed stating the Conservator is unable to provide the necessary documentation for the notice to be filed. While counsel is correct that a limited conservatorship of the person terminates by operation of law upon the conservatee's death, the probate code requires the

conservator to give notice of that death. Probate Code Section 2361. The request for relief from that requirement is denied. This matter is continued to **Monday, July 28, 2025, at 2:30 p.m. in Department 44** for confirmation of filing of Notice of the Conservatee's Death. **No appearance is necessary on today's calendar.**

### **CONSERVATORSHIP OF BARBARA RICKEL**

**Case Number: CVPG16-0028693**

This matter is on calendar for further proceedings to confirm the filing of the Final Account. No Final Account has been filed. No Status Report has been filed as ordered by the Court on February 24, 2025. The matter is continued to **Monday, June 30, 2025, at 2:30 p.m. in Department 44** for further proceedings to confirm filing of the Final Account. The Court will issue an Order to Show Cause to the Conservator and Counsel as to why monetary sanctions in the sum of \$250.00 should not be imposed for failure to file the Final Account and failure to file a Status Report, as ordered by the Court on February 24, 2025. The hearing on the Order to Show Cause is set for **Monday, June 30, 2025, at 2:30 p.m. in Department 44**. The clerk is directed to prepare a separate Order to Show Cause. **No appearance is necessary on today's calendar.**

### **CONSERVATORSHIP OF SILVIA STEELE**

**Case Number: CVPG19-0030261**

This matter is on calendar to confirm filing of the Amended First Account. An Amended First Account has not been filed. A Status Report has been filed indicating additional time is needed to complete the required documents. The matter is continued to **Monday, July 28, 2025, at 2:30 p.m. in Department 44** for further proceedings to confirm filing of the Amended First Account. If the Amended Account cannot be filed prior to the next hearing date, the Court **ORDERS** the Conservator to timely file and serve a Status Report at least five court days prior to the continued hearing date. Failure to do so may result in the issuance of an Order to Show Cause Re Monetary Sanctions of \$250.00 for failure to timely file the Amended Account. **No appearance is necessary on today's calendar.**

### **CONSERVATORSHIP OF CHARLIE WILLIAMSON**

**Case Number: 23PC-0032294**

This matter is on calendar to confirm acknowledgement of receipt of transfer from Kern County Superior Court. An Acknowledgment of Receipt was received on March 10, 2025. The clerk is instructed to close the file. **No appearance is necessary on today's calendar.**

## **ESTATES**

### **ESTATE OF LORRAINE AMES**

**Case Number: 23PB-0032059**

This matter is on calendar for further proceedings on a Petition for Final Distribution. An amended Petition or supplement has still not been filed to address the issues previously raised. The Court notes the supplement filed April 15, 2025, stating that the heirs Jeffrey and Jenise inadvertently signed disclaimers and requesting that the Court in essence ignore the disclaimers and allow them to complete assignments. The court previously addressed this request on February 10, 2025. A disclaimer is irrevocable. Prob. Code § 281. The legal effect of a disclaimer is that the heir is treated as if they predeceased the decedent. Therefore, distribution must comport with the laws of intestate succession. An Amended Petition or Supplement is required to identify the intestate heirs of Jeffrey and Jenise. Those intestate heirs are entitled to notice. As previously noted by the Court, to assign the interest to Robin Ames, all of Jeffrey and Jenise's intestate heirs will need to execute assignments. The matter is continued to **Monday, June 9, 2025, at 2:30 p.m. in Department 44** for further proceedings on the Petition for Final Distribution. **No appearance is necessary on today's calendar.**

### **ESTATE OF KATHLEEN ANDERSON**

**Case Number: 24PB-0032312**

This matter is on calendar for hearing on the First and Final Report, and Petition for Final Distribution on Waiver of Account. The matter has been properly noticed with proof of service on file. No objections have been raised. The paperwork appears to be in order. The Petition for Final Distribution is **GRANTED**. A proposed order has been submitted and will be executed by the Court. This matter is set for **Monday, July 7, 2025, at 2:30 p.m. in Department 44** for confirmation of filing of Receipts and a Petition for Final Discharge. **No appearance is necessary on today's calendar.**

### **ESTATE OF SCOTT ARONS**

**Case Number: 23PB-0032136**

This matter is on calendar for further proceedings regarding the Petition for Compromise of Creditor's Claim and Approval of Settlement and status of filing the Inventory and Appraisal. The Order approving the settlement has been received and will be executed by the Court. No Inventory and Appraisal has been filed. **An appearance is necessary on today's calendar to address further proceedings.**

### **ESTATE OF EDNA ASHER**

**Case Number: 25PB-0032809**

This matter is on calendar for hearing on an Amended Petition for Letters of Administration. The matter has been properly noticed, with proof of service on file. No objections have been raised. The paperwork appears to be in order, with the exception that no proof of publication has been filed showing the matter has been re-published to cure the defects previously noted. The matter is continued to **Monday, June 2, 2025, at 2:30 p.m. in Department 44** for further proceedings on the Petition. Proper proof of publication is required to be filed. **No appearance is necessary on today's calendar.**

### **ESTATE OF STEVEN BIRMINGHAM**

**Case Number: 24PB-0032727**

This matter is on calendar for confirmation of filing of the Inventory and Appraisal. The Final Inventory and Appraisal filed on February 20, 2025, is accepted by the Court. The Supplemental Inventory and

Appraisal filed on February 25, 2025, is accepted by the Court. The Court notes the future court date of December 22, 2025, for Status of Administration. **No appearance is necessary on today's calendar.**

### **ESTATE OF ROBERT BROWN**

**Case Number: 24PB-0032470**

This matter is on calendar for further proceedings on a Petition for Return of Possession of Real and Personal Property. The matter was continued to allow Nicole Knight and Jovanny Sanchez to file objections. Nothing has been filed since the last hearing. The paperwork appears to be in order. No objections have been filed. The Petition is **GRANTED**. A proposed order was submitted and will be executed by the Court. **No appearance is necessary on today's calendar.**

### **ESTATE OF SCOTT BROWN**

**Case Number: 24PB-0032664**

This matter is on calendar for confirmation of filing of the Inventory and Appraisal. The Inventory and Appraisal has not been filed. No Status Report has been filed. This matter is continued to **Monday, June 2, 2025, at 2:30 p.m. in Department 44** for confirmation of filing of the Inventory and Appraisal. If a Final Inventory and Appraisal cannot be filed prior to the continued hearing date, the Court **ORDERS** a Status Report be filed and served no later than five court days before the next hearing date to advise what must be accomplished before the Final Inventory and Appraisal can be filed. Failure to file either the Final Inventory and Appraisal or the Status Report may result in the issuance of an Order to Show Cause Re Monetary Sanctions of \$250.00 for failure to timely file the Inventory and Appraisal, and failure to comply with the Court's order. The Court notes the future date of December 22, 2025, for Status of Administration. **No appearance is necessary on today's calendar.**

### **ESTATE OF DEBORAH BYERS**

**Case Number: 24PB-0032562**

This matter is on calendar for further proceedings on an Amended Petition for Letters of Administration. An amended Petition has been filed and is noticed for hearing on May 19, 2025. That date is confirmed. Today's hearing has been **VACATED**. **No appearance is necessary on today's calendar.**

### **ESTATE OF JAMES CALLAHAN**

**Case Number: 24PB-0032410**

This matter is on calendar to confirm the filing of Receipts and Petition for Final Discharge. No receipts have been filed. No Petition for Final Discharge is on file. A Status Report has been submitted requesting additional time to file the documents. The matter is continued to **Monday, June 2, 2025, at 2:30 p.m. in Department 44** to confirm filing of Receipts and a Petition for Final Discharge. If the documents cannot be filed prior to the next hearing date, the Court **ORDERS** a Status Report be filed and served at least five court days before the next hearing to advise what must be accomplished before the documents can be filed. **No appearance is necessary on today's calendar.**

### **ESTATE OF RICHARD CASEY**

**Case Number: 23PB-0032064**

This matter is on calendar for confirmation of filing of the Inventory and Appraisal and Status of Administration. The First Partial Inventory and Appraisal filed March 28, 2024, is accepted by the Court. The Second Partial and Final Inventory and Appraisal filed on February 24, 2025, is accepted by the Court.

The Court notes the future court date of May 19, 2025 for further proceedings on the Amended Final Report and Petition for Final Distribution. **No appearance is necessary on today's calendar.**

### **ESTATE OF JOSEPHINE CLINE**

**Case Number: CVPB17-0029336**

This matter is on calendar for Status of Administration. No Petition for Final Distribution has been filed. No Status Report has been filed. The matter is continued to **Monday, June 2, 2025, at 2:30 p.m. in Department 44 for Status of Administration.** If a Petition for Final Distribution cannot be filed prior to the next hearing date, the Court **ORDERS** the personal representative to timely file and serve a Status Report with proper Notice of Hearing in compliance with Probate Code Sections 12200 et seq. Failure to do so may result in the issuance of an Order to Show Cause Re Monetary Sanctions of \$250.00 for failure to timely close the estate administration and failure to comply with the Court Order. If a properly noticed Status Report or Petition for Final Distribution is noticed for a different date, the Court will vacate the June 2, 2025, date. **No appearance is necessary on today's calendar.**

### **ESTATE OF RONALD COLLISTER**

**Case Number: 22PB-0031518**

This matter is on calendar for Status of Administration. No Petition for Final Distribution has been filed; however, a Status Report has been filed. The matter has been properly noticed, with proof of service on file. The Status Report indicates that additional time is needed before the estate administration can be finalized. The matter is continued to **Monday, October 27, 2025, at 2:30 p.m. in Department 44** for Status of Administration. If a Petition for Final Distribution cannot be filed prior to the next hearing date, the Court **ORDERS** the personal representative to timely file and serve a Status Report with proper Notice of Hearing in compliance with Probate code Sections 12200 et seq. Failure to do so may result in the issuance of an Order to Show Cause Re Monetary Sanctions of \$250.00 for failure to timely close the estate administration and failure to comply with the Court Order. **No appearance is necessary on today's calendar.**

### **ESTATE OF JAMES CRAWFORD**

**Case Number: 22PB-0031588**

This matter is on calendar for confirmation of filing of receipts and a Petition for Discharge. A Petition for Discharge has been submitted and the Court has executed the order. Today's hearing has been **VACATED. No appearance is necessary on today's calendar.**

### **ESTATE OF ROBERT DELAUNE**

**Case Number: 25PB-0032880**

This matter is on calendar for hearing on a Spousal Property Petition. The matter has been properly noticed, with proof of service on file. No objections have been raised. The paperwork appears to be in order. The Petition is **GRANTED**. A proposed Order was lodged with the Court and will be executed. The Clerk is directed to close the file upon processing of the order. **No appearance is necessary on today's calendar.**

### **ESTATE OF SHIRLEY DESNOYER**

**Case Number: 24PB-0032647**

This matter is on calendar for further proceedings on a second Amended Petition for Letters of Administration. The Court previously continued this matter to allow Petitioner to file a third Amended Petition or supplemental declaration curing the defects noted at the last hearing. Nothing has been filed

since the last hearing. This matter is continued to **Monday, June 2, 2025, at 2:30pm in Department 44** for further proceedings on the Petition. A third Amended Petition or supplemental declaration is required that cures the defects noted at the hearing on March 17, 2025. Notice of Hearing is required to be timely filed and served for the continued hearing date. The clerk is instructed to mail a copy of today's minute order and the minute order from March 17, 2025 to the Personal Representative.

**Warning: Failure to file an Amended Petition will result in the Petition being denied at the next hearing. No appearance is necessary on today's calendar.**

## **ESTATE OF CHRISTOPHER DILLEY**

**Case Number: 24PB-0032467**

This matter is on calendar for confirmation of filing of the Inventory and Appraisal. The Inventory and Appraisal has not been filed. No Status Report has been filed. This matter is continued to **Monday, June 9, 2025, at 2:30 p.m. in Department 44** for confirmation of filing of the Inventory and Appraisal. If a Final Inventory and Appraisal cannot be filed prior to the continued hearing date, the Court **ORDERS** a Status Report be filed and served no later than five court days before the next hearing date to advise what must be accomplished before the Final Inventory and Appraisal can be filed. Failure to file either the Final Inventory and Appraisal or the Status Report may result in the issuance of an Order to Show Cause Re Monetary Sanctions of \$250.00 for failure to timely file the Inventory and Appraisal, and failure to comply with the Court's order. The Court notes the future date of December 22, 2025, for Status of Administration. **No appearance is necessary on today's calendar.**

## **ESTATE OF HAROLD ENGEL**

**Case Number: CVPB20-0030713**

This matter is on calendar for Status of Administration. No Petition for Final Distribution has been filed; however, a Status Report has been filed. The matter has been properly noticed, with proof of service on file. The Status Report indicates that additional time is needed before the estate administration can be finalized. The matter is continued to **Monday, July 14, 2025, at 2:30 p.m. in Department 44** for Status of Administration. If a Petition for Final Distribution cannot be filed prior to the next hearing date, the Court **ORDERS** the personal representative to timely file and serve a Status Report with proper Notice of Hearing in compliance with Probate Code Sections 12200 et seq. Failure to do so may result in the issuance of an Order to Show Cause Re Monetary Sanctions of \$250.00 for failure to timely close the estate administration and failure to comply with the Court Order. **No appearance is necessary on today's calendar.**

## **ESTATE OF NANCY GARBER**

**Case Number: CVPB22-0031419**

This matter is on calendar for Status of Administration. No Petition for Final Distribution has been filed; however, a Status Report has been filed. The matter has been properly noticed, with proof of service on file. The Status Report indicates that additional time is needed before the estate administration can be finalized. The matter is continued to **Monday, June 30, 2025, at 2:30 p.m. in Department 44** for Status of Administration. If a Petition for Final Distribution cannot be filed prior to the next hearing date, the Court **ORDERS** the personal representative to timely file and serve a Status Report with proper Notice of Hearing in compliance with Probate Code Sections 12200 et seq. Failure to do so may result in the issuance of an Order to Show Cause Re Monetary Sanctions of \$250.00 for failure to timely close the estate administration and failure to comply with the Court Order. **No appearance is necessary on today's calendar.**

## **ESTATE OF ORVILLE GORDON**

**Case Number: 25PB-0032858**

This matter is on calendar for hearing on a Spousal Property Petition. The Petition contains the following defects:

1. The matter has not been properly noticed, as Petitioner has used the wrong form. The Notice used, form DE-115, states that Petitioner has filed a Petition under Probate Code § 850. That is incorrect. A Spousal Property Petition is filed under Probate Code § 13650. Judicial Council form DE-120 is the correct notice form.
2. The proof of service is blank as to item 4(b), place of mailing.
3. On the Petition, item 5(a)(2) must be marked.
4. Under item 9, no relationship to the decedent has been listed. Further, Petitioner's name and information is missing from the section. The Court finds this defect can be overlooked, as the names and relationships of the individuals listed in Item 9 are listed in attachment 7b.

The matter is continued to **Monday, June 2, 2025, at 2:30pm in Department 44** for further proceedings on the Petition. An Amended Petition is required that cures the defects noted above. Notice of Hearing is required to be timely filed and served for the continued hearing date on the correct form. **No appearance is necessary on today's calendar.**

## **ESTATE OF SUSAN GRACE**

**Case Number: 24PB-0032589**

This matter is on calendar for confirmation of filing of the Inventory and Appraisal. The Inventory and Appraisal has not been filed. A Status Report has been filed which requests additional time to file the Inventory and Appraisal. This matter is continued to **Monday, June 30, 2025, at 2:30 p.m. in Department 44** for confirmation of filing of the Inventory and Appraisal. If a Final Inventory and Appraisal cannot be filed prior to the continued hearing date, the Court **ORDERS** a Status Report be filed and served no later than five court days before the next hearing date to advise what must be accomplished before the Final Inventory and Appraisal can be filed. Failure to file either the Final Inventory and Appraisal or the Status Report may result in the issuance of an Order to Show Cause Re Monetary Sanctions of \$250.00 for failure to timely file the Inventory and Appraisal, and failure to comply with the Court's order. The Court notes the future date of October 20, 2025, for Status of Administration. **No appearance is necessary on today's calendar.**

## **ESTATE OF JAY HAWKINS**

**Case Number: 24PB-0032690**

This matter is on calendar for confirmation of filing of the Inventory and Appraisal. The Final Inventory and Appraisal filed on March 5, 2025, is accepted by the Court. The Court notes the future court date of December 22, 2025, for Status of Administration. **No appearance is necessary on today's calendar.**

## **ESTATE OF PHILIP HIMAN**

**Case Number: 25PB-0032852**

This matter is on calendar for hearing on a Petition for Letters of Administration. The matter has been properly noticed, with proof of service on file. Proof of proper publication has been filed. No objections have been raised. The paperwork appears to be in order. The Petition is **GRANTED**. A proposed Order was lodged with the Court and will be executed. Letters will issue upon confirmation of issuance of a bond in the amount of \$360,000.00. The matter is set for **Monday, September 8, 2025, at 2:30 p.m. in Department 44** for Confirmation of Filing the Inventory and Appraisal. The matter is set for **Monday,**



**May 4, 2026, at 2:30 p.m. in Department 44** for Status of Administration. The personal representative is **ORDERED** to comply with Probate Code section 12200 et seq. **No appearance is necessary on today's calendar.**

### **ESTATE OF LAURA JACOBSON**

**Case Number: 24PB-0032346**

This matter is on calendar for hearing on a Petition for Final Distribution on Waiver of Accounting. The matter has been properly noticed with proof of service on file. No objections have been raised. The paperwork appears to be in order. The Petition for Final Distribution is **GRANTED**. A proposed order has been submitted and will be executed by the Court. This matter is set for **Monday, June 2, 2025, at 2:30 p.m. in Department 44** for confirmation of filing of Receipts and a Petition for Final Discharge. **No appearance is necessary on today's calendar.**

### **ESTATE OF AUDREY JOLLY**

**Case Number: CVPB20-0030705**

This matter is on calendar to confirm the filing of Receipts and Petition for Final Discharge. The Court notes a receipt was previously filed. No Petition for Discharge is on file. A Status Report has been filed; however, it was not served on any party entitled to notice. The Status Report indicates additional time is needed to close the estate. The matter is continued to **Monday, August 25, 2025, at 2:30pm in Department 44** to confirm filing of Receipts and Petition for Final Discharge. If a Petition for Final Discharge cannot be filed prior to the next hearing date, the Court **AGAIN ORDERS** a Status Report be filed and served at least five court days before the next hearing to advise what must be accomplished before the Petition for Final Discharge can be filed. **No appearance is necessary on today's calendar.**

### **ESTATE OF CHESTER KATZ**

**Case Number: 23PB-0032146**

This matter is on calendar for confirmation of filing of the Inventory and Appraisal and Status of Administration. The Inventory and Appraisal has not been filed. No Status Report has been filed, as previously ordered. The Court will issue an Order to Show Cause to the Personal Representative and Counsel as to why monetary sanctions in the sum of \$250.00 should not be imposed for failure to timely file the Inventory and Appraisal and failure to file a Status Report as ordered by the Court March 24, 2025. The hearing on the Order to Show Cause is set for **Monday, July 14, 2025, at 2:30 p.m. in Department 44**. The clerk is directed to prepare a separate Order to Show Cause. This matter is continued to **Monday, July 14, 2025, at 2:30 p.m. in Department 44** for confirmation of filing of the Inventory and Appraisal and Status of Administration. **No appearance is necessary on today's calendar.**

### **ESTATE OF ANDREW LLOYD**

**Case Number: 24PB-0032480**

This matter is on calendar for confirmation of filing of the Inventory and Appraisal. The Inventory and Appraisal has not been filed. A Status Report has been filed which requests additional time to provide the Inventory and Appraisal. This matter is continued to **Monday, July 28, 2025, at 2:30 p.m. in Department 44** for confirmation of filing of the Inventory and Appraisal. If a Final Inventory and Appraisal cannot be filed prior to the continued hearing date, the Court **ORDERS** a Status Report be filed and served no later than five court days before the next hearing date to advise what must be accomplished before the Final Inventory and Appraisal can be filed. Failure to file either the Final Inventory and Appraisal or the Status Report may result in the issuance of an Order to Show Cause Re Monetary Sanctions of \$250.00 for failure to timely file the Inventory and Appraisal, and failure to comply with the

Court's order. The Court notes the future date of September 15, 2025, for Status of Administration. **No appearance is necessary on today's calendar.**

## **ESTATE OF WILLIAM MARSH**

### **Case Number: 23PB-0031994**

This matter is on calendar for confirmation of filing of the Inventory and Appraisal. The Final Inventory and Appraisal filed on April 17, 2025, is accepted by the Court.

This matter is also on calendar for hearing on a Petition for Extraordinary Fees and Reimbursement of Costs, Approval of Extraordinary Attorney's Fees and Costs, Order Directing Administrator, and Order Terminating Special Administration. The matter has been properly noticed, with proof of service on filed. Petitioner and her Counsel seek an award of fees for extraordinary services while reserving the right to also seek a portion of the statutory compensation. Typically, the compensation of the special administration is not allowed until the close of administration. Probate Code Section 8547(b).

Additionally, the Court is required to evaluate the respective statutory compensation and fees for extraordinary services of the special administrator and the personal representative. See Probate Code Section 8547(b). The estate is not yet in a position to be closed and the statutory compensation is unknown. Additionally, a potential request for fees for extraordinary services of the Personal Representative and his counsel is unknown. Accordingly, the Court finds it premature to award fees for extraordinary services to the special administrator and counsel at this time. The request for extraordinary compensation is **DENIED** without prejudice. The Court will **GRANT** the Petition to the extent it relieves the Special Administrator. A proposed order was lodged with the Court which will be modified to reflect the Court's final ruling. **No appearance is necessary on today's calendar.**

## **ESTATE OF DAVID MARTIN, SR.**

### **Case Number: 23PB-0031921**

This matter is on calendar for hearing on an Amended First and Final Report and Petition for Final Distribution. The matter has been properly noticed, with proof of service on file. The Petition contains the following defects:

1. The Final Inventory and Appraisal filed March 27, 2025, is not accepted by the Court. The Inventory and Appraisal fails to characterize each asset as either separate or community property. Prob. Code § 8850(c).
2. The Petition indicates that the estate property consists of both separate and community property. Due to the lack of characterization of property in the Inventory and Appraisal, it is unclear whether the proposed distribution complies with the requirements for distribution under the laws of intestate succession.

This matter is continued to **Monday, June 16, 2025, at 2:30 p.m. in Department 44** for further proceedings on the Petition. Petitioner is required to file an Amended Inventory and Appraisal and a second Amended Petition that cures the defects noted above. Petitioner shall also file and timely serve a Notice of Hearing for the continued hearing date. If an Amended Inventory and Appraisal and second Amended Petition cannot be filed prior to the next hearing date, the Court **ORDERS** the personal representative to timely file and serve a Status Report with proper Notice of Hearing in compliance with Probate Code Sections 12200 et seq. Failure to do so may result in the issuance of an Order to Show Cause Re Monetary Sanctions of \$250.00 for failure to timely close the estate administration and failure to comply with the Court Order. If a properly noticed Status Report or second Amended Petition is noticed for a different date, the Court will vacate the June 16, 2025, date. **No appearance is necessary on today's calendar.**

## **ESTATE OF STEPHEN MCINTOSH**

**Case Number: 22PB-0031852**

This matter is on calendar for hearing on the Third Amended Petition for Final Distribution. The matter does not appear to have been properly noticed, as the proof of service indicates that mailing took place October 1, 2024. The Petition is defective; Petitioner and Counsel have failed to sign the Petition and Verification. This matter is continued to **Monday, June 2, 2025, at 2:30pm in Department 44** for further proceedings on the Petition. Petitioner is required to file a corrected Third Amended Petition curing the defect noted above. Petitioner shall also file and timely serve a new Notice of Hearing for the continued hearing date. **No appearance is necessary on today's calendar.**

## **ESTATE OF SANDRA MILLER**

**Case Number: 24PB-0032726**

This matter is on calendar for confirmation of filing of the Inventory and Appraisal. The Inventory and Appraisal has not been filed. A Status Report has been filed which requests additional time to file the Final Inventory and Appraisal. This matter is continued to **Monday, October 27, 2025, at 2:30 p.m. in Department 44** for confirmation of filing of the Inventory and Appraisal. If a Final Inventory and Appraisal cannot be filed prior to the continued hearing date, the Court **ORDERS** a Status Report be filed and served no later than five court days before the next hearing date to advise what must be accomplished before the Final Inventory and Appraisal can be filed. Failure to file either the Final Inventory and Appraisal or the Status Report may result in the issuance of an Order to Show Cause Re Monetary Sanctions of \$250.00 for failure to timely file the Inventory and Appraisal, and failure to comply with the Court's order. The Court notes the future date of December 22, 2025, for Status of Administration. **No appearance is necessary on today's calendar.**

## **ESTATE OF KATHLEEN MITCHELL**

**Case Number: 24PB-0032542**

This matter is on calendar for confirmation of filing of the Final Inventory and Appraisal. The amended Inventory and Appraisal, Partial Number one and the Final Inventory and Appraisal have not been filed. A Status Report has been filed, which indicates additional time is needed before the Final Inventory and Appraisal can be filed. The matter is continued to **Monday, July 14, 2025, at 2:30 p.m. in Department 44** for confirmation of filing of the Inventory and Appraisal. If a Final Inventory and Appraisal cannot be filed prior to the continued hearing date, the Court **AGAIN ORDERS** a Status Report be filed and served no later than five court days before the next hearing date to advise what must be accomplished before the Final Inventory and Appraisal can be filed. Failure to file either the Final Inventory and Appraisal or the Status Report may result in the issuance of an Order to Show Cause Re Monetary Sanctions of \$250.00 for failure to timely file the Inventory and Appraisal, and failure to comply with the Court's order. The Court notes the future date of October 27, 2025, for Status of Administration. **No appearance is necessary on today's calendar.**

## **ESTATE OF THOMAS MURRAY**

**Case Number: 22PB-0031748**

This matter is on calendar regarding an Order to Show Cause Re: Entry of Civil Judgment and for further proceedings regarding an Order to Show Cause Re: Removal of the Personal Representative. The matters were previously continued so that a copy of the minutes from the hearings on February 10, 2025, and March 17, 2025, could be mailed out to the parties. The Court has previously noted defects in the Petition for Final Distribution filed May 13, 2024, and has informed the personal representative, Jason Murray, of the requirement to amend the petition on multiple occasions. As a result, an Order to Show

Cause Re: Monetary Sanctions was issued and sanctions were imposed on Mr. Murray December 23, 2024, in the amount of \$250.00. Due to Mr. Murray's continued failure to timely close estate administration, failure to file an Amended Petition for Final Distribution, and his failure to appear for the subsequent court hearings, the Court issued an Order to Show Cause Re: Removal of Personal Representative set for February 10, 2025. Mr. Murray failed to file a response to the Order to Show Cause or appear for the hearing, therefore the Court assumes that Mr. Murray must have absconded with \$79,191.40 of estate assets that were supposed to be distributed to others. As a result, the Court issued an Order to Show Cause Re: Entry of Civil Judgment against Mr. Murray in the amount of \$79,191.40.

Nothing has been filed in response to either Order to Show Cause. An Amended Petition for Final Distribution has not been submitted. It appears that the imposition of sanctions, the threat of removal as personal representative, and a civil judgment against him in the amount of \$79,191.40 have not been effective in gaining Mr. Murray's compliance with the Court's orders. **An appearance is necessary on today's calendar to address each Order to Show Cause and to discuss the status of the distribution of the estate. Failure to appear will result in a civil judgment entered against Jason Murray in the amount of \$79,191.40 and the removal of Mr. Murray as the personal representative.**

## **ESTATE OF JAMES PHELPS**

**Case Number: 24PB-0032705**

This matter is on calendar for confirmation of filing of the Inventory and Appraisal. The Inventory and Appraisal has not been filed. No Status Report has been filed. This matter is continued to **Monday, June 9, 2025, at 2:30 p.m. in Department 44** for confirmation of filing of the Inventory and Appraisal. If a Final Inventory and Appraisal cannot be filed prior to the continued hearing date, the Court **ORDERS** a Status Report be filed and served no later than five court days before the next hearing date to advise what must be accomplished before the Final Inventory and Appraisal can be filed. Failure to file either the Final Inventory and Appraisal or the Status Report may result in the issuance of an Order to Show Cause Re Monetary Sanctions of \$250.00 for failure to timely file the Inventory and Appraisal, and failure to comply with the Court's order. The Court notes the future date of December 22, 2025, for Status of Administration. **No appearance is necessary on today's calendar.**

## **ESTATE OF JACKIE REYNOLDS**

**Case Number: 24PB-0032710**

This matter is on calendar for confirmation of filing of the Inventory and Appraisal. The Final Inventory and Appraisal was filed on March 4, 2025. The Inventory and Appraisal is not accepted. It fails to complete item 5 related to the Property Tax Certificate. This matter is continued to **Monday, June 16, 2025, at 2:30 p.m. in Department 44** for confirmation of filing of a Corrected Final Inventory and Appraisal. The Court notes the future court date of December 22, 2025, for Status of Administration. **No appearance is necessary on today's calendar.**

## **ESTATE OF DONALD SELVEY**

**Case Number: CVPB17-0029255**

This matter is on calendar for Status of Administration. No Petition for Final Distribution has been filed; however, a Status Report has been filed. The matter has been properly noticed, with proof of service on file. The Status Report indicates that additional time is needed before the estate administration can be finalized. The matter is continued to **Monday, June 16, 2025, at 2:30 p.m. in Department 44** for Status of Administration. If a Petition for Final Distribution cannot be filed prior to the next hearing date, the Court **ORDERS** the personal representative to timely file and serve a Status Report with proper Notice of

Hearing in compliance with Probate Code Sections 12200 et seq. Failure to do so may result in the issuance of an Order to Show Cause Re Monetary Sanctions of \$250.00 for failure to timely close the estate administration and failure to comply with the Court Order. If a properly noticed Status Report or Petition for Final Distribution noticed for a different date, the Court will vacate the June 16, 2025, date. **No appearance is necessary on today's calendar.**

### **ESTATE OF ALAN SHUFELBERGER**

**Case Number: 23PB-0032231**

This matter is on calendar to confirm filing of the Inventory and Appraisal and Status of Administration. No Final Inventory and Appraisal has been filed. No Petition for Final Distribution has been filed. A Status Report has not been filed, as ordered on January 27, 2025. The matter is continued to **Monday, June 16, 2025, at 2:30 p.m. in Department 44** for further proceedings regarding confirmation of filing the Inventory and Appraisal and Status of Administration. If the required documents cannot be filed prior to the next hearing date, the Court **AGAIN ORDERS** the personal representative to timely file and serve a Status Report with proper Notice of Hearing in compliance with Probate Code Sections 12200 et seq. Failure to do so may result in the issuance of an Order to Show Cause Re Monetary Sanctions of \$250.00 for failure to timely close the estate administration and failure to comply with the Court Order. If a properly noticed Status Report or Petition for Final Distribution is noticed for a different date, the Court will vacate the June 16, 2025, date. **No appearance is necessary on today's calendar.**

### **ESTATE OF MARIE SNODGRASS**

**Case Number: 25PB-0032790**

This matter is on calendar for hearing on an Amended Petition for Probate of Will. The matter has not been properly noticed. Petitioner has filed and served a Notice of Hearing (Judicial Council Form DE-12). That form states "do not use this form to give notice of a petition to administer an estate." Petitioner is required to file and serve a Notice of Petition (Judicial Council Form DE-121). This matter is continued to **Monday, June 9, 2025, at 2:30 p.m. in Department 44** for hearing on the Amended Petition. Petitioner shall file and timely serve a Notice of Petition for the continued hearing date. **No appearance is necessary on today's calendar.**

### **ESTATE OF JEANETTA TROTTER**

**Case Number: 24PB-0032318**

This matter is on calendar for Status of Administration. No Petition for Final Distribution has been filed. No Status Report has been filed. The matter is continued to **Monday, June 16, 2025, at 2:30 p.m. in Department 44** for Status of Administration. If a Petition for Final Distribution cannot be filed prior to the next hearing date, the Court **ORDERS** the personal representative to timely file and serve a Status Report with proper Notice of Hearing in compliance with Probate Code Sections 12200 et seq. Failure to do so may result in the issuance of an Order to Show Cause Re Monetary Sanctions of \$250.00 for failure to timely close the estate administration and failure to comply with the Court Order. If a properly noticed Status Report or Petition for Final Distribution is noticed for a different date, the Court will vacate the June 16, 2025, date. **No appearance is necessary on today's calendar.**

### **ESTATE OF PHILLIP VAN ORNUM**

**Case Number: 24PB-0032729**

This matter is on calendar for further proceedings on a Petition for Letters of Administration. Nothing has been filed since the last hearing to cure the defects noted on March 3, 2025. This matter is continued to **Monday, June 16, 2025, at 2:30 p.m. in Department 44** for further proceedings on the Petition. Proper

proof of publication is required to be filed and a Notice of Petition is required to be filed and timely served for the continued hearing date. **Warning: Failure to file proper proof of service and proof of publication will result in the Petition being denied at the next hearing. No appearance is necessary on today's calendar.**

### **ESTATE OF JOHN WADE**

**Case Number: 25PB-0032837**

This matter is on calendar for further proceedings on a Petition to Determine Succession to Real Property. Nothing has been filed since the last hearing to cure the defects noted on March 24, 2025. This matter is continued to **Monday, June 16, 2025, at 2:30 p.m. in Department 44** for further proceedings on the Petition. Petitioner must file an Amended Petition to cure the above defects. Notice of Hearing must be timely served on all individuals entitled to notice. **Warning: Failure to file an Amended Petition, timely serve a Notice of Hearing, and file proof of service with the Court will result in the Petition being denied at the next hearing. No appearance is necessary on today's calendar.**

### **ESTATE OF DOLORES WALSH**

**Case Number: 23PB-0032257**

This matter is on calendar for hearing on the First and Final Report and Petition for Final Distribution on Waiver of Account. The matter has been properly noticed with proof of service on file. No acknowledged statement by the Trustees accepting the property under the terms of the Trust has been filed. See Local Rule 15.10(L). This matter is continued to **Monday, June 9, 2025, at 2:30 p.m. in Department 44** for further proceedings on the Petition. Petitioners shall submit the required acknowledged statement at least five court days prior to the continued hearing date. **No appearance is necessary on today's calendar.**

### **ESTATE OF CLIFFORD WARD**

**Case Number: 24PB-0032745**

This matter is on calendar for further proceedings on a Petition for Probate of Will. A status report has been filed, which indicates additional time is needed to give proper notice of the proceedings. This matter is continued to **Monday, June 16, 2025, at 2:30 p.m. in Department 44** for further proceedings on the Petition. A Notice of Hearing is required to be filed and timely served for the continued hearing date. **No appearance is necessary on today's calendar.**

## **TRUSTS**

### **IN RE: THE DUFFY L. BEST TRUST**

**Case Number: 25PB-0032841**

This matter is on calendar for further proceedings on a Petition for Order Confirming Trust Assets. Petitioner has not provided any recognized authority to overcome the Statute of Frauds. Counsel's only legal authority is *Estate of Heggstad* (1993) 16 Cal.App.4th 943, in which the property at issue was never held in Trust from inception. In the present case, the property was held in Trust and subsequently removed. There is no written instrument or documentation showing an intent to hold the property in Trust after it was transferred out of the Trust. Evidence Code section 662 provides that the owner of the legal title to property is presumed to be the owner of the full beneficial title. This presumption may be rebutted only by clear and convincing proof. The Declarations provided by Petitioner are insufficient to overcome the presumption. The Petition is **DENIED** without prejudice. The Court will modify the proposed order to reflect the denial. The clerk is instructed to close the file upon the processing of the order. **No appearance is necessary on today's calendar.**

### **IN RE: ELIZABETH HAWKINS TRUST**

**Case Number: 23PB-0032287**

This matter is on calendar for further proceedings on a Petition for Accounting and Removal. An opposition has been filed. Status reports have been filed, which indicates additional time is needed to give the parties an opportunity to discuss the accounting and further proceedings. This matter is continued to **Monday, July 28, 2025, at 2:30 p.m. in Department 44** for further proceedings on the Petition. **No appearance is necessary on today's calendar.**

### **IN RE MILLICENT D LEWIS TRUST**

**Case Number: CVPB20-0030866**

This matter is on calendar for a hearing on a Petition to Determine Claim to Property. The Court previously continued this matter for appointment of a successor trustee so that the matter can proceed. A Petition to Appoint Trustee to Fill Vacancy is currently set for hearing on May 19, 2025. This matter is continued to **Monday, May 19, 2025, at 2:30pm in Department 44** for further proceedings on the Petition. **No appearance is necessary on today's calendar.**

### **IN RE: THE MATHEWS TRUST**

**Case Number: 25PB-0032804**

This matter is on calendar for further proceedings on a Petition for Order Directing Return of Possession of Real Property. The Court previously continued this matter to allow Respondent to file and serve an opposition. No objection or opposition has been filed. The paperwork appears to be in order. The Petition for Possession is **GRANTED**. A proposed order has been submitted and will be executed by the Court. Upon the processing of the order, the clerk is instructed to close the file. **No appearance is necessary on today's calendar.**

### **IN RE: KADENCE RENEE PODLAS TRUST**

**Case Number: 20PB-0030697**

This matter is on calendar for hearing on a Fifth Account and Report of Trustee and Petition for Approval of Payments of Income Taxes, Trustee's Fees, and Attorney's Fees for the Trustee. The matter has been properly noticed with proof of service on file. No objections have been raised. The paperwork appears to be in order. The Petition is **GRANTED**. No proposed order has been lodged. The Fifth

Accounting will cover the period of January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2026, and is required to be filed no later than March 29, 2027. The matter is set for future hearing on **Monday, April 26, 2027, at 2:30 p.m. in Department 44** for confirmation of filing of the Sixth Accounting. **No appearance is necessary on today's calendar.**

**IN RE: THE JANET G. SCOTT TRUST 2001**

**Case Number: 24PB-0032522**

This matter is on calendar for further proceedings to confirm filing of an Accounting. A Petition for Approval of Accounting of Successor Trustee has been filed and noticed for hearing on May 19, 2025; however, the Petition was filed by Attorney Robert West who is not attorney of record for Mr. Scott-Pratt. Counsel was informed that an association of counsel or substitution of attorney is required before the Petition can be heard. An association of counsel or substitution of attorney has not been filed. This matter is continued to **Monday, May 19, 2025, at 2:30pm in Department 44** for further proceedings and to confirm filing of an association of counsel or substitution of attorney. **No appearance is necessary on today's calendar.**