

### **January 30, 2026, Probate Tentative Rulings**

**1. P06-14335 In the Matter of Rebecca Mary Elizabeth Hengesbach**

On the Court's motion, this matter is continued to February 2, 2026, at 9:30 a.m., in Department 6.

No appearances are required. The Court is favorably inclined to grant the petition to add a Co-Conservator and appoint Julie Dunigan as a conservator of the person. It does not appear, however, that there is proof that a citation has been properly served on the Conservatee. Petitioner shall give notice of the continued hearing and shall ensure proper service of a citation and proof of the same.

**2. P07-14637 In the Matter of Timothy S. L. Hengesbach**

On the Court's motion, this matter is continued to February 2, 2026, at 9:30 a.m., in Department 6.

No appearances are required. The Court is favorably inclined to grant the petition to add a Co-Conservator and appoint Julie Dunigan as a conservator of the person. It does not appear, however, that there is proof that a citation has been properly served on the Conservatee. Petitioner shall give notice of the continued hearing and shall ensure proper service of a citation and proof of the same.

**3. P17-16159 In the Matter of John Thomas-Fletcher Paul**

On the Court's motion, this matter is continued to February 2, 2026, at 9:30 a.m., in Department 6.

Appearances are required. The Court continues this matter to April 10, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., in Department 6, to permit the parties time to explore mediation. The parties must advise the Court what mediator they wish to potentially select. No later than two weeks prior to the continued court date, the parties shall submit a joint report updating the Court on the status of this litigation. All prior orders remain in effect.

**4. P20-16664 In the Matter of Sandra Robinson**

On the Court's motion, this matter is continued to February 2, 2026, at 9:30 a.m., in Department 6.

No appearances are required. The petition for approval of final accounting and for its settlement upon termination of the conservatorship is granted as prayed. A proposed order has been submitted.

**5. P87-10351 In the Matter of Julie Kay Hamilton**

On the Court's motion, this matter is continued to February 2, 2026, at 9:30 a.m., in Department 6.

No appearances are required. The conservatorship of the person shall continue. The conservatorship still appears to be warranted. The Conservators are acting in the best

interests of the Conservatee regarding the Conservatee's placement and quality of care, including physical and mental treatment. The next biennial review is set for January 28, 2028, at 9:00 a.m., in Department 6. The court investigation fee for this biennial review is waived.

**6. PR0000158 In the Matter of Krystal Dawn Lawrence**

On the Court's motion, this matter is continued to February 2, 2026, at 9:30 a.m., in Department 6.

No appearances are required. The conservatorship of the person shall continue. The conservatorship still appears to be warranted. The Conservators are acting in the best interests of the Conservatee regarding the Conservatee's placement and quality of care, including physical and mental treatment. The next biennial review is set for January 28, 2028, at 9:00 a.m., in Department 6. The court investigation fee for this biennial review is waived.

**7. PR0000667 In the Matter of Cynthia E. Dell**

On the Court's motion, this matter is continued to February 2, 2026, at 9:30 a.m., in Department 6.

No appearances are required. Respondent Jasmine Roloff's request for attorney's fees and costs is denied.

California Civil Code section 1717(a) provides:

In any action on a contract, where the contract specifically provides that attorney's fees and costs, which are incurred to enforce that contract, shall be awarded either to one of the parties or to the prevailing party, then the party who is determined to be the party prevailing on the contract, whether he or she is the party specified in the contract or not, shall be entitled to reasonable attorney's fees in addition to other costs.

Section (b)(1) states, in part, "the party prevailing on the contract shall be the party who recovered a greater relief in the action on the contract. The court may also determine that there is no party prevailing on the contract for purposes of this section."

[I]n deciding whether there is a "party prevailing on the contract," the trial court is to compare the relief awarded on the contract claim or claims with the parties' demands on those same claims and their litigation objectives as disclosed by the pleadings, trial briefs, opening statements, and similar sources. The prevailing party determination is to be made only upon final resolution of the contract claims and only by "a comparison of the extent to which each party ha[s] succeeded and failed to succeed in its contentions."

*Hsu v. Abbata* (1995) 9 Cal.4th 863, 876, *quoting Bank of Idaho v. Pine Avenue Associates* (1982) 137 Cal.App.3d 5, 15.

In the instant case, the September 4, 2025, memorandum decision regarding the lease/option agreement between Dell and Roloff “must be considered good news and bad news to each of the parties,” *Hsu*, 9 Cal.4th at 874 (quotations and citation omitted), or stated otherwise, “the opposing litigants could each legitimately claim some success in the litigation.” *Id.* at 875. The Court ruled against Respondent Roloff and in favor of Petitioner Morgan with respect to the lease in exchange for work and option to purchase. The Court ruled in favor of Roloff and against Morgan in connection the lease in exchange for fixed rent. See 9/4/25 Decision, 1:23-2:7.

There is no party prevailing on the contract and the motion is denied. Counsel for Petitioner shall prepare an order after hearing that conforms with this ruling.

**8. PR0000828 In the Matter of Craig Stuart Murdoch**

On the Court’s motion, this matter is continued to February 2, 2026, at 9:30 a.m., in Department 6.

Appearances are required. Justin Murdoch shall show cause why he should not be sanctioned or this matter dismissed for failing to file a proof of publication as ordered by this Court on September 5, 2025. The Court vacates the order to show cause previously filed on December 12, 2025.

**9. PR0000912 Estate of Phyllis Wersal**

On the Court’s motion, this matter is continued to February 2, 2026, at 9:30 a.m., in Department 6.

No appearances are required. The petition to determine succession to primary residence is granted as prayed. A proposed order has been submitted.

**10. PR0000913 Estate of Nancy Carol Lawrence**

On the Court’s motion, this matter is continued to February 2, 2026, at 9:30 a.m., in Department 6.

No appearances are required. The petition to determine succession to primary residence is granted as prayed. A proposed order has been submitted.

**11. PR0000915 Estate of Marjorie Ann Person**

On the Court’s motion, this matter is continued to February 2, 2026, at 9:30 a.m., in Department 6.

No appearances are required. The Court continues this matter on its own motion to April 10, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., in Department 6. The court notes a deficiency in the petition to administer: The petition does not include proof of publication. *See* Prob. Code § 8121.

Petitioner shall provide the outstanding item prior to the continued court date. Petitioner shall also provide notice of the continued court hearing date.

**12. PR0000953 In the Matter of Sheila Don**

On the Court's motion, this matter is continued to February 2, 2026, at 9:30 a.m., in Department 6.

No appearances are required. On the request of counsel for the proposed conservatee, the Court continues this matter to April 10, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., in Department 6. Ms. Lenore shall give notice of the continued court date.