

November 21, 2025, Probate Tentative Rulings

1. P05-14149 In the Matter of Wesley B. James

No appearances are required. The Court continues this matter to February 6, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., in Department 6. The Court just received the November 17, 2025, investigation review report and report from counsel for Conservatee (apparently prepared without the benefit of the investigation review report). The Conservator and counsel for conservatee may file a response to those concerns at least two weeks prior the next scheduled hearing.

2. P07-14542 In the Matter of Michael A Powers, et al.

Appearances are required. Trustee Lisa Case shall show cause why she should not be sanctioned for failure to file a declaration clarifying the property on hand at the end of the reporting period as ordered by this Court on June 20, 2025.

3. P87-10351 In the Matter of Julie Kay Hamilton

No appearances are required. The petition to appoint Co-Conservator Carla Rapp is granted as prayed. Proposed orders have been lodged.

4. PR0000547 In the Matter of Quita Ann Blevins

No appearances are required. The Court continues this matter on its own motion to January 9, 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.

5. PR0000734 Estate of Virginia Bauch

No appearances are required. The Court is not in receipt of the referenced September 26, 2025, inventory and appraisal (signed by the probate referee). The Court continues this matter on its own motion to January 9, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., in Department 6. Petitioner shall file the outstanding document in advance of the continued court date. Petitioner shall also provide notice of the continued hearing date.

6. PR0000759 In the Matter of Daniel Lee Renfro

No appearances are required. The Court continues this matter on its own motion to January 9, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., in Department 6. A duties and liabilities acknowledgment has not been filed with the Court. *See DE-147.* Additionally, section 2.c. of the amended petition to administer was left blank. Accordingly, it is unclear if Petitioner is seeking full or limited authority under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. Petitioner shall address these issues prior to the continued court date. Petitioner shall also provide notice of the continued hearing date.

7. PR0000844 In the Matter of the Schaper Living Trust

Appearances are required. The Court is favorably inclined to order the parties to attend mediation, with costs of the same to be paid by the trust, pursuant to Probate Code

section 17206 and *Breslin v. Breslin* (2021) 62 Cal. App.5th 801, 806 (“The probate court has the power to order the parties into mediation.”). The parties are hereby advised:

Mediation may result in a settlement of the matters that are the subject of this case and of any and all interested persons and parties interests therein. Settlement of the matter may result in an agreement for the distribution of assets of the above-referenced trust and of the estates of the settlors therein, however those assets may be held. Settlement of the matter may also result in an award of attorneys’ fees to one or more parties under *Smith v. Szezyller* (2019) 31 Cal.App.5th 450, 242. Interested persons or parties who do not have counsel may attend the mediation and participate.

Non-participating persons or parties who receive notice of the date, time and place of the mediation may be bound by the terms of any agreement reached at mediation without further action by the Court or further hearing. Rights of trust beneficiaries or prospective beneficiaries may be lost or forfeited by the failure to participate in mediation. Participation in mediation is a prerequisite to an evidentiary hearing. By failing to participate in mediation, a person or party will waive their right to an evidentiary hearing.

Petitioner Janet Schaper, Trustees Michael and Paul Schaper, and Interested Party/Beneficiary Mary Brown shall meet and confer regarding selection of a mutually acceptable mediator. The Court continues this matter for review on the status of mediation to January 9, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., in Department 6, and continues to reserve jurisdiction over the pending motions. No later than two weeks prior to the continued hearing date, the parties shall submit a joint statement indicating the status regarding selection of a mediator.

8. PR0000885 In the Matter of Charles Edward Penna

No appearances are required. The petition to administer estate does not include a copy of the will, which is necessary to adjudicate issues in connection therewith. See Petition §3.f.(2). The Court continues this matter on its own motion to January 9, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., in Department 6. Petitioner shall provide a copy of the will prior to the continued court date. Petitioner shall also provide notice of the continued date.

9. PR0000891 In the Matter of Deidre Kathryn Coronado

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

10. PR0000892 In the Matter of Frank Simon Cabral

No appearances are required. The Court continues this petition to determine succession to real property on its own motion to January 9, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., in Department 6. The petition does not include notice, proof of service of notice or a showing as to why the same is not required. Petitioner shall address this issue and, as necessary, provide a supplemental declaration to the court no later than two weeks prior to the continued court date. Petitioner shall provide notice of the petition to all entitled to notice, if any, prior to

the continued court date.

11. PR0000898 In the Matter of Walter L. Dilka

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

12. PR0000911 In the Matter of Ernest Frazer

No appearances are required. The Court, on its own motion, continues the petition to determine that Victoria Frazier lacks capacity to consent to proposed sale of property, etc. pursuant to Probate Code section 3000 *et seq.*, to January 23, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., in Department 6. The Court orders a court investigative report to be completed pursuant to Probate Code section 3140(b). The clerk shall notify the court investigator. The investigative report shall be filed no later than two weeks prior to the continued court date. Additionally, the Court appoints Katie Lenore as counsel for Victoria Frazier. The clerk shall notify Ms. Lenore of the appointment. Petitioner shall provide notice of the continued court date.

13. P98-12793 In the Matter of Carlo Steven Carnevale

No appearances are required. The conservatorship of the person shall continue. The conservatorship still appears to be warranted. The Conservator is 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 November 19, 2027, at 9:00 a.m., in Department 6. The court investigation fee for this biennial review is waived.