

February 20, 2026, Probate Tentative Rulings

1. **P17-16158 In the Matter of Richard Joseph Nathaniel Rouse, et al.**
No appearances are required. The petition to transfer property to trust is granted as prayed. Petitioner shall provide a proposed order.
2. **PR0000124 In Re Patricia Ann Short**
No appearances are required. The petition to waive accounting and for final discharge is granted as prayed. Petitioner shall provide a proposed order.
3. **PR0000453 In the Matter of Suzanne M. Perry-Miller**
No appearances are required. The petition for substituted judgment to create and fund a revocable trust and execute a pour-over will is granted as prayed. A proposed order has been submitted.
4. **PR0000756 In the Matter of Violet Weston**
No appearances are required. An amended order has been submitted which the Court adopted.
5. **PR0000793 In the Matter of Penelope J. Johnson**
No appearances are required. The petition for final distribution is granted as prayed. A proposed order has been submitted.
6. **PR0000815 In Re the Matter of Myrna Buettner**
No appearances are required. The petition regarding a trespass order is denied without prejudice. The petition fails to establish any legal authority for the Court to intervene at this time. The Court previously appointed John DePiazza as administrator of the decedent's estate with limited authority under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. Accordingly, the administrator has authority to manage the assets of the estate. *See* Probate Code 9650.
7. **PR0000901 In the Matter of Gregory James Gallup**
No appearances are required. The petition to administer filed by Joan Gallup is granted as prayed. Petitioner Gallup is entitled to priority of appointment pursuant to Probate Code section 8461 and shall serve as administrator. Letters shall issue. Petitioner shall submit a proposed order. The petition filed by the California Fair Plan is denied for the reasons indicated above.
8. **PR0000902 In the Matter of Kelly Giacomini**
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. Szeyller* (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 Kelly Giacomini and Beneficiaries Kirt Ankeny and Keri Nitta shall meet and confer regarding selection of a mutually acceptable mediator. The Court continues this matter for review on the status of mediation to May 1, 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.

9. PR0000938 In the Matter of Gary Raymond Boulерice

No appearances are required. Based on the request from Petitioner, the Court continues this matter to May 1, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., in Department 6 for further hearing. Petitioner shall provide notice of the continued court date.

10. PR0000939 In the Matter of David Wayne Pohley

No appearances are required. The petition to administer is granted as prayed. A proposed order has been submitted.

11. PR0000941 In the Matter of Heather Faldalen

No appearances are required. The petition for order confirming trust asset is granted as prayed. A proposed order has been provided.

12. PR0000944 In the Matter of Paul R. Godwin

No appearances are required. The spousal property petition is granted as prayed. Petitioner shall provide a proposed order.