

April 10, 2026, Probate Tentative Rulings

1. CU0002516 Karen Mingle, et al. vs. James Tessmann

No appearances are required. A party requested a hearing date for a petition to approve a minor's compromise. No petition has been filed. This matter is removed from calendar. All future dates are confirmed.

2. P06-14433 In the Matter of Kayla Elizabeth Larsen

No appearances are required. The conservatorship of the person and estate shall continue. The conservatorship still appears to be warranted. Conservator Kelly Babitz 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 April 14, 2028, at 9:00 a.m., in Department 6. The court investigation fee for this biennial review is waived.

Regarding Conservator Mary Larsen, the investigative report indicates her desire to resign as conservator for the conservatee. Accordingly, the Court sets a hearing July 10, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., in Department 6 regarding the same. Conservator Larsen shall file her petition for resignation and notice of the same, in accordance with Probate Code section 2660, prior to the continued court date.

3. P15-15875 In the Matter of Sharon Beatty

No appearances are required. The petition for orders approving preliminary payment and authorization for attorney fees is granted. Bond is set at \$170,000. Petitioner shall file proof of the updated bond with the Court within 30 days. Upon proof of the updated bond, the prior order requiring funds to remain in a blocked account can be vacated. Petitioner shall prepare and submit proposed orders to memorialize this decision and, after bonds is posted, to vacate the requirement for a blocked account.

4. PR0000442 In the Matter of the Sandon Trust

No appearances are required. The petition for approval of the second account and trustee compensation is granted as prayed. Petitioner shall submit a proposed order.

5. PR0000798 In the Matter of the Mark Lenci Living Trust

Appearances are required. The motion to continue trial and extend time to complete discovery is granted, good cause having been stated. The trial dates currently set is vacated. The parties shall be prepared to select new trial dates. Respondent Tiffany Carmen's request for sanctions is denied in light of the above. *See* Cal. Civ. Proc. 2024.050(c).

6. PR0000964 In the Matter of Crystal Leyva

No appearances are required. The petition for appointment of a limited conservatorship of the person is granted. Christopher and Jean Kock are appointed as Conservators and letters shall issue. The Court sets an annual review on April 9, 2027, at 9:00 a.m., in Department 6.

7. PR0000965 In the Matter of Katherine Kimmel

No appearances are required. The petition to accept transfer of this conservatorship is provisionally granted. A hearing is set for May 22, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 6 for review of the conservatorship and determination if modification is required to conform with California law. The court investigator is directed to complete an investigation pursuant to Probate Code section 1851.1 and report its findings prior to the continued court date. The clerk shall serve a copy of the minutes and order accepting transfer on the court investigator.

8. PR0000966 In the Matter of Bogumila Urszula Miernik

No appearances are required. The petition to determine heirship under Probate Code section 11700 is denied without prejudice. Probate Code section 11700 provides:

At any time after letters are first issued to a general personal representative and before an order for final distribution is made, the personal representative, or any person claiming to be a beneficiary or otherwise entitled to distribution of a share of the estate, may file a petition for a court determination of the persons entitled to distribution of the decedent's estate.

Here, this Court has no jurisdiction to grant relief under this provision of law at this time. No proceedings to administer an estate have been commenced and no letters have issued. *See, e.g., Smith v. Westerfield* (1891) 88 Cal. 374, 380 (jurisdictional nature of statutory provisions related to probate); *see also* Cal. Prac. Guide: Probate, Ch. 15-E at 15:636 (“Petitions to determine distribution rights may be filed at any time after letters are first issued to a general personal representative and before an order for final distribution is made,” citing Prob. Code § 11700).

9. PR0000967 In the Matter of Kent Thomas Edwards

No appearances are required. On the Court’s motion, the Court continues Tristan Roberts’ February 5, 2026, petition to determine ownership of property, etc., to July 10, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., in Department 6. Notice is defective. Probate Code section 851 requires that notice be served *30 days* prior to the hearing on the personal representative, conservator, guardian, or trustee and each person claiming an interest in, or having title to or possession of, the property. *See* Prob. Code 851 (a) & (b). Here, notice has only been provided to the Nevada County Public Administrator, the statutory 30-day notice period has not been met (notice was provided on March 18, 2026), and it is unclear whether notice has been provided to all required individuals. Petitioner shall provide notice of the continued court date in accordance with statutory requirements.

Additionally, the Nevada County Public Administrator has indicated that it intends to file a petition to administer; as such, they are respectfully requested to do so as expeditiously as possible and notice the same for hearing on the same July date. The PA shall also file any response to the Roberts’ petition at least two weeks prior to the July hearing.

10. PR0000969 In the Matter of Jack E. Green

Appearances are required. Before the Court is the February 2, 2026, petition of Jack

Green to remove trustee Timothy Green, and for other relief. The Court must learn whether the petition will be opposed and, if so, when a written opposition will be filed.

If the petition is opposed, the Court is potentially 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.”).

11. PR0000971 In the Matter of Catherine Gerstung

No appearances are required. On its own motion the Court continues this matter to July 10, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., in Department 6. The Court notes deficiencies in the petition to appoint a conservator: (1) There is no proof of service of the citation. *See* form GC-320. (2) The medical capacity declaration has not been filed. *See* form GC-335. (3) Finally, the Court has not received the court investigator’s report. Petitioner shall file and serve the outstanding items as required by law as expeditiously as possible and no later than two weeks prior to the continued court date and shall also give notice of the continued court date. In addition, Petitioner shall provide a proposed order for appointment of a court investigator. *See* form GC-330.