

April 24, 2026, Probate Tentative Rulings

1. P17-16158 In the Matter of Richard Joseph Nathaniel Rouse, et al.

No appearances are required. On the Court's motion, this petition is continued for hearing until July 24, 2026, at 09:00. There is no proof that Petitioner served the instant petition and supplemental briefing on Goodwill and the Washoe Tribe as previously ordered. Petitioner shall give notice of the new hearing and shall ensure that all Petitioner filings are served on these interested parties.

2. P19-16493 In the Matter of Simon Cruickshank, et al.

No appearances are required. The petition for settlement of the eighth account is granted as prayed. A proposed order has been submitted.

3. PR0000484 Conservatorship of Raymond Poquette

No appearances are required. The petition for settlement of the first account and for conservator and attorney fees is granted as prayed. A proposed order has been submitted.

The petition for settlement of the second account and for conservator and attorney fees is granted as prayed. A proposed order has been submitted.

4. PR0000667 In the Matter of Cynthia E. Dell

No appearances are required. The petition for settlement of first and final account, final distribution and allowance of compensation is granted as prayed.

5. PR0000732 In the Matter of Virginia Logan Umstead-Jones

No appearances are required. The petition for final distribution is granted as prayed. A proposed order has been submitted.

6. PR0000809 In Re Griffin Wayne Johnson Murphy

No appearances are required. At the request of the Guardian, the Court continues the order to show cause to July 24, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., in Department 6.

7. PR0000910 In the Matter of Joan K. Confer

No appearances are required. The petition for appointment of a conservatorship of the person and estate is granted. Makayla Confer is appointed as Conservator and letters shall issue. Bond is not required, however, any liquid assets or funds in excess of \$10,000 shall be placed in a blocked account subject to use only by Court order. Conservator shall file an inventory and appraisal within 90 days. The Court investigative fee is waived. The Court sets the following future dates in Department 6:

Review Hearing regarding Inventory and Appraisal: July 17, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

Annual Review: April 16, 2027, at 9:00 a.m.

Annual Accounting: April 16, 2027, at 9:00 a.m.

8. PR0000933 In the Matter of Jody McCaffree

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 Jody McCaffree and Trustee David shall meet and confer regarding selection of a mutually acceptable mediator. The Court continues this matter for review on the status of mediation to July 24, 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. PR0000979 In the Matter of John P. Stabile

No appearances are required. The Court has continued this matter to May 8, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., in Department 6 at the request of the parties. The Court has not received the court investigator’s report. Petitioner shall provide a proposed order for appointment of a court investigator for the Court’s consideration. *See* form GC-330.