

## May 22, 2026, Probate Tentative Rulings

- 1. P06-14446 In the Matter of Kristopher P. Barletta**  
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 review is set for May 14, 2027, at 9:00 a.m., in Department 6. The court investigation fee for this biennial review is waived.
- 2. P15-15756 In the Matter of Darin Lee Ruckman**  
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 May 19, 2028, at 9:00 a.m., in Department 6. The court investigation fee for this biennial review is waived.
- 3. P19-16494 In the Matter of Raphael Xavier Saturnino**  
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 May 19, 2028, at 9:00 a.m., in Department 6. The court investigation fee for this biennial review is waived.
- 4. P89-10877 In the Matter of Thomas Michael Odom**  
No appearances are required. The accounting and requested fees are approved as prayed. A proposed order has been provided.
- 5. PR0000453 In the Matter of Suzanne M. Perry-Miller**  
No appearances are required. The Court has not received the investigation review report and continues this matter to August 21, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., in Department 6. The Clerk shall provide a copy of the minutes to the Court Investigator. The Clerk shall also telephonically notify the Court Investigator.

Additionally, Conservator shall advise the Court whether a new inventory and appraisal is required under Probate Code section 2610 given his appointment as a successor Conservator. A brief of no more than one page should be filed/served no later than two weeks prior to the next scheduled hearing.

An accounting for approximately 2024-2025 was filed on May 19, 2026, set for hearing on May 22, 2026. There is inadequate minimum notice of 15-days. *See* Prob. Code §1460(b). The matter shall be re-noticed for hearing on the same August 21, 2026, date and time.

**6. PR0000595 In the Matter of William Aaron Burnes**

No appearances are required. The order to show cause is dismissed in the interest of justice. The Court continues this matter for review hearing to August 21, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., in Department 6. Petitioner Linda Burnes shall provide a written update regarding the status of the estate two weeks prior to the continued court date.

An order to show cause shall issue to petitioner Linda Burnes in this case and petitioner Christine Burnes in case PR0000858 for hearing on the same date and time noted above. Two separate orders have been issued authorizing administration of the instant estate. Petitioners shall show cause which of the two orders to administer should be allowed to proceed and which should be vacated. Each Petitioner is directed to file a brief of no more than three pages no later than two weeks prior to the scheduled hearing. Petitioners are encouraged to meet and confer.

Petitioner Linda Burnes shall provide notice to Petitioner Christine Burnes in matter PR0000858 of this order with proof of service of the same.

**7. PR0000815 In Re Myrna Buettner**

No appearances are required. The petitions for orders confirming sale of real property are continued to August 21, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., in Department 6. Probate Code section 10308(c) requires, "Notice of the hearing on the petition for confirmation filed under subdivision (a) or (b) shall be given as provided in Section 1220 to the persons designated by that section and to the purchasers named in the petition, and posted as provided in Section 1230." The petition filed on May 12, 2026 does not provide 15 days notice as required by section 1220. Additionally, neither petition appears to have been posted in compliance with section 1230. Petitioner shall provide notice with proof as required by law prior to the continued court date.

Regarding the petition to determine entitlements filed by April S. Mills, the Court notes the petition is not signed. In addition, a verified petition is required. *See* Probate Code 1021. This matter is similarly continued to August 21, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., in Department 6. Petitioner Mills shall file and serve any verified petition no later than one month prior to the continued court date and give notice of the continued court date. Any response/objections to the petition shall be filed and served no later than two weeks prior to the continued court date.

**8. PR0000940 In the Matter of Judith Rodrigues**

No appearances are required. The petition for appointment of a conservatorship of the person and estate is granted. Ventura Rodrigues is appointed as Conservator. Bond is set at \$130,000.00. Letters shall issue once proof of bond is provided to the Court. Conservator shall file an inventory and appraisal within 90 days. It is alleged the estate has sufficient funds to pay for the investigative fee. Quest investigations shall submit their fee request. Absent objection, the Court shall order the estate to pay the investigation fee. The Court sets the following future dates in Department 6:

Review Hearing regarding Inventory and Appraisal: August 14, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

Annual Review: May 28, 2027, at 9:00 a.m.

Annual Accounting: May 28, 2027, at 9:00 a.m.

**9. PR0000965 In the Matter of Katherine Kimmel**

No appearances are required. The Court has not received the investigation report from the Court Investigator and continues this matter to August 21, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., in Department 6. The Clerk shall provide a copy of the minutes to the Court Investigator. The Clerk shall also telephonically notify the Court Investigator.

**10. PR0000982 In the Matter of Kay F. Baker**

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 Court has been advised that at least one party expressed reservations regarding the same to Judge LaPorte at the last hearing but this judicial officer does not know the nature of the concerns.

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 Kay Baker and Respondents Haven Caravelli and Isabella Holland 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 31, 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.

**11. PR0001011 Estate of Efthima Papadothomakou**

No appearances are required. The petition for administration is granted as prayed. Bond is set at \$88,000.00. Letters shall issue once proof of bond is provided to the Court. A

proposed order has been submitted.