

May 18, 2026, Case Management Conference Tentative Rulings

The following tentative rulings are issued by Commissioner Robert Brodnik.

- 1. CL0003098 A.J Kirchner v. Conner Turner**
Appearances are required. Plaintiff shall show cause why he should not be sanctioned or this matter dismissed for failing file a proof of service or an amended proof of service as ordered by this Court on November 10, 2025.
- 2. CL0003340 Midland Credit Management Inc. vs. Sean Oliver**
Appearances are required for status regarding dismissal. If the parties wish the court to retain jurisdiction, they should file a written stipulation under Code of Civil Procedure section 664.6 or state their agreement regarding the same on the record.
- 3. CL0003480 JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. vs. Daisy Bisiaux**
No appearances are required. The Court has received a request for dismissal. This matter is dismissed without prejudice.
- 4. CU0001760 In the Matter of County of Nevada v. Craig Hufnagel**
No appearances are required. On the Court's motion the case management conference is continued to August 31, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., in Department 6 to permit additional time for a compliance agreement to be executed.
- 5. CU0001796 Sonya Sokolow v. Environmental Health Director Amy Irani**
No appearances are required. On the Court's motion, the case management conference is continued to August 31, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., in Department 6, to permit adjudication of pending motions.
- 6. CU0001901 Heather Miles v. Michael Smallwood**
Appearances are required. Defendant Michael Smallwood shall show cause why trial should not proceed without him, and why Plaintiff's motion for an order deeming matters admitted against him should not be granted.
- 7. CU0002038 Brian Smart, et al. vs. Testate and Intestate Successors of Nick Swago (Deceased)**
No appearances are required. A default prove up hearing is set for July 19, 2026, at 1:30 p.m., in Department 6.
- 8. CU0002046 Glenn Kalaveras, et al. vs Kelly Purves**
No appearances are required. On its own motion, the Court continues the case management conference to August 31, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., in Department 6. Defendant Kamaljit Takhar shall file a responsive pleading, or Plaintiff shall file a request for default (as appropriate) or request for dismissal of Defendant at least two weeks prior to the continued case management conference. Plaintiff shall give notice of the continued court date.

- 9. CU0002141 In the Matter of Carlos Anibel Demarco**
No appearances are required. Pursuant to the parties stipulation, this matter is dismissed with prejudice.
- 10. CU0002189 Zachary Goepel v. Eagle Quick Lube and Car Wash**
No appearances are required. On its own motion, the Court continues this matter to August 31, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., in Department 6, and sets an order to show cause hearing for the same date and time. Plaintiff shall show cause why he should not be sanctioned or this matter dismissed for failing file a proof of service, an application for service by publication (as appropriate), or a request for dismissal of Defendant as ordered by the Court on February 2, 2026. The clerk shall serve notice of the order to show cause.
- 11. CU0002435 Zachary Goepel v. Brilliant Forest Academy, et al.**
No appearances are required. On its own motion, the Court continues the case management conference to August 31, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., in Department 6. A first amended complaint has recently been filed. Plaintiff shall file a proof of service, an application for service by publication (as appropriate), or a request for dismissal of Defendants no later than two weeks prior to the continued case management conference date.
- 12. CU0002470 Robin Annette Mauro v. David Sauer**
Appearances are required. The Court seeks an update regarding the status of payment of sanctions ordered by this Court on April 20, 2026.
- 13. CU0002521 Jarrett Thomas Wilson vs. Ruppert, Inc., et al.**
No appearances are required. On its own motion, the Court continues the case management conference to August 31, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., in Department 6. Plaintiff shall file a proof of service, an application for service by publication (as appropriate), or a request for dismissal of Defendant Estanislado Cervantes Resa no later than two weeks prior to the continued case management conference date.
- 14. CU0002612 LGC Sierra Pines MHC LLC vs. Sierra Pines Mobile Home Park**
No appearances are required. On the Court's motion, the case management conference is continued to August 10, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., in Department 6, to permit adjudication of pending motions.
- 15. PR0000951 In the Matter of Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.**
Appearances are required. Before the Court is the December 30, 2025, petition to ascertain status of likely beneficiary. 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.”).

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