

May 30, 2025 Probate Tentative Rulings

1. P01-13326 In the Matter of Wilfred Martinez

No appearances are required. Notice of the petition for the eleventh account and report does not appear to have been provided to the conservatee. See Prob. Code § 1460(b)(2). The court continues this matter to August 1, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 6. Petitioner shall provide notice of the continued date as required by law. Additionally, Petitioner shall submit a supplemental declaration clarifying the “unknown charges” referenced in the summary of account.

2. P15-15875 In the Matter of Sharon Beatty

Petitioner Paul Manka’s request for statutory and extraordinary attorney’s fees is denied without prejudice. Petitioner seeks attorney’s fees for work performed on behalf of Lori A. Greeninger, to include the filing of a request for approval of first and final account and report and petition for settlement. However, that petition has not yet been approved; as such, petitioner’s request is premature. Additionally, Probate Code section 10814 states, “If there are two or more attorneys for the personal representative, the attorney's compensation shall be apportioned among the attorneys by the court according to the services actually rendered by each attorney or as agreed to by the attorneys.” Since the first and final account has not yet been settled, the court is unable to determine the applicability of section 10814 under these circumstances.

Mark Dobson’s unopposed request that estate property be turned over to Benjamin Harvey, Esq., is granted. Counsel Manka is directed to turn over 125 Troy ounces of silver and keys to Lori Greeninger’s storage unit to Counsel Harvey pending further order of the court. Counsel Harvey is ordered to maintain those items in a safe deposit box and provide evidence of compliance within five court days of this order. The items shall not be accessed without further order of the court.

3. P20-16684 In the Matter of Dickie Marra

An appearances is required. Petitioner shall explain why four plus years (since October 2020) were required to complete administration of this estate. The court is favorably inclined to grant the petition for final distribution.

4. P22-16995 In the Matter of Phyllis Graham

No appearances are required. The court continues the order to show cause hearing to August 1, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 6 to permit petitioner additional time to submit the accounting.

5. PR0000326 In the Matter of Jamie Dickerson

No appearances are required. The court has not received the investigation review report. The court continues this matter for receipt of the report to August 1, 2025, 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, the court is in receipt of conservator’s request to continue the accounting for a period of one year. The court is not favorably inclined to grant such a long continuance. Co-conservators shall file an accounting prior to the continued court date.

6. PR0000532 In the Matter of Jacob Bieker

An appearance is required. The inventory and appraisal have not been approved by the court’s appointed referee, Kevin Eckard. An amended inventory and appraisal is required and shall be

filed two weeks prior to the next hearing date. In addition, the court needs clarification as to whether the other intestate heirs have waived their right to any portion of the estate and assigned the same to petitioner. The petition for final distribution is continued to August 1, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. for review of the amended inventory and appraisal. In addition, the court requires all intestate heirs to be present, either in person or remotely for the hearing, as the court wishes to personally confirm any waiver/assignment of rights with them. Petitioner shall give notice of the same to all intestate heirs.

7. PR0000634 In the Matter of Alan Bernard

No appearances are required. The spousal property petition is granted as prayed.

8. PR0000736 In the Matter of Rollin Shively

No appearances are required. The court continues this matter to August 1, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 6. No later than one week prior to the continued court date, petitioner shall provide a declaration regarding his efforts to provide notice to Rhonda Ceritelli. Petitioner shall provide notice of the continued date to all parties.

9. PR0000752 In the Matter of Heather Sanzone

Appearances are required. The court is favorably inclined to grant the request as prayed. Petitioner has submitted a proof of service of upon Charles Schwab & Co. Inc., but the same entity is not listed on the notice of hearing (DE-115). Petitioner shall confirm notice was provided.

10. PR0000762 In the Matter of Arthur Gallez

No appearances are required. The court continues this matter to August 1, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 6. Petitioner shall provide proof of publication prior to the continued court date. See Probate Code § 8121. Petitioner shall provide notice of the continued date to all parties.

11. PR0000763 In the Matter of Donna Sauer, aka Donna Sauer

No appearances are required. The petition to administer the estate is granted as prayed.