

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
PR - MARTINEZ-WAKEFIELD TAYLOR COURTHOUSE
COURT CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 30, 2025
DEPARTMENT 38
JUDICIAL OFFICER: BARBARA C. HINTON

PROBATE EXAMINER NOTES-SUBJECT TO REVISION AFTER REVIEW BY
THE JUDGE

**Unless the Court directs otherwise, appearances by counsel and parties in
Department 38 may be made as follows:**

- **In Person**
- **Remotely through Zoom Videoconferencing**

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| 1.
9:00 AM | P22-01331 ESTATE OF: PATRICIA CONNERS
HEARING IN RE: PETITION FOR FINAL DISTRIBUTION ON WAIVER OF ACCOUNTING FILED BY ERIN COLLEEN ASHTON ON 9/18/24

Need: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Verified declaration by petitioner to state whether notice was given, or needed, to Dept. of Health Care Services as to predeceased spouse. PrC § 215, 9202(a); i.e., did predeceased spouse receive Medi-Cal benefits?2. Verified declaration by petitioner to specify whether all charges for bond premiums have been paid. LR 7.317 |
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2. 9:00 AM	P22-01508 CONSERVATORSHIP OF: SUSAN CHAN HEARING IN RE: PETITION AND DECLARATION OF CRAIG L. JUDSON RE ATTORNEY AND LEGAL COSTS FILED ON 9/18/2024 BY SUSAN CHAN
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Need:

1. Proof of mailing to all persons entitled to receive notice
2. Proposed Order

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3A.

P22-01958

ESTATE OF: ARLINE TEDESCHI

9:00 AM

HEARING IN RE: PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL & FOR LETTERS TESTAMENTARY WITH IAEA FILED
ON 12/01/22 BY PAULETTE SLATTERY

-- See also Line #10 --

Need appearances to report status, including discovery

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3B.

9:00 AM

P22-01958

ESTATE OF: ARLINE TEDESCHI

HEARING IN RE: FIRST AMENDED CONTEST AND GROUNDS OF OBJECTION TO PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION WITH AUTHORIZATION TO ADMINISTER UNDER THE INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION OF ESTATES ACT; PETITION TO CONTEST TRUST FOR UNDUE INFLUENCE; FOR CONSTRUCTIVE FRAUD; FOR CONSTRUCTIVE TRUST; TO PRECLUDE USE OF TRUST FUNDS; AND FOR ORDER FOR PARTIAL DISTRIBUTION FILED ON 01/16/24 BY GLORIA SCOLARI

Need:

1. Appearances to report status, including discovery
2. Proof of Personal Service of Summons on Robert M. Slattery, Placer County Chapter of the SPCA, and San Francisco Burn Center. PrC §§ 8250, 8271

Notes:

1. Objections by Beneficiaries Leah Slattery, Robert D. Slattery, and Meredith Donahue filed 1-22-2024.
2. Paulette Slattery's Response and Objection filed 3-28-2024.
3. Response and Objection of Paulette Slattery filed 5-13-2024.

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5A.

P23-00438

ESTATE OF: CHARLES FRENCH

9:00 AM

HEARING IN RE: PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION WITH IAEA FILED ON 10/12/23 BY
KRISTINA COLEY CLPF

Need appearances

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5B.

9:00 AM

P23-00438

ESTATE OF: CHARLES FRENCH

HEARING ON ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE IN RE: WHY SANCTIONS SHOULD NOT BE IMPOSED PER CCP 177.5 AND/OR DISMISSAL OF PETITION FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR ON 9/19/24 NOTICE OF HEARING RE:

Need appearance by atty. Scott Judson to show cause why he should not be sanctioned for failure to appear 9-19-2024, and/or why petition should not be dismissed. The Court will consider sanctions of up to \$1,500.00, pursuant to CCP § 177.5 for failure to appear 9-19-2024.

Note: Declaration of Scott J. Judson filed 12-9-2024.

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P23-00438

ESTATE OF: CHARLES FRENCH

9:00 AM

HEARING IN RE: PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION WITH IAEA FILED ON 03/08/23 BY
JENNIFER ELLEN MANN NOTICE OF HEARING RE:

Need:

1. Appearance by Jennifer Mann
2. Proof of Publication. PrC § 8120
3. Proof of mailing Notice of Petition to Administer Estate and copy of petition to all heirs and beneficiaries. PrC § 8110; LR 7.151(e)
4. Verified declaration by petitioner to add deceased spouse with date of death to petition Item # 8. LR 7.151(d)
5. Verified declaration by petitioner to address petition Item # 5.a.(3) or 5.a.(4) (whether decedent is survived by a registered domestic partner)
6. Verified declaration by petitioner to address petition Item # 5.a.(7) or 5.a.(8) (whether decedent is survived by issue of a predeceased child)
7. Order for Probate Form DE-140

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5D.

9:00 AM

P23-00438

ESTATE OF: CHARLES FRENCH

HEARING ON ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE IN RE: RE: WHY THIS PETITION SHOULD NOT BE DISMISSED AND/OR SANCTIONS IMPOSED PURSUANT TO CCP 177.5 FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR AT TODAY'S HEARING AND CLEAR THE OUTSTANDING ITEMS ON THE TENTATIVE RULING

Need appearance by Jennifer Mann to show cause why she should not be sanctioned and/or petition should not be dismissed for failure to appear 9-19-2024, and for failure to address tentative ruling issues, as ordered 8-1-2024. The Court will consider sanctions of up to \$1,500.00, pursuant to CCP § 177.5 for failure to appear 9-19-2024, as ordered 8-1-2024.

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| 9.
9:00 AM | P23-01002 ESTATE OF: MALLU MOORE
HEARING IN RE: AMENDED PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION FILED BY HYOJA A MOORE
ON 7-3-23

Petitioner, mother, still must do the following:

<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Appear at the hearing2. File a verified declaration to clarify whether decedent owned real property at time of death. Item # 3.d. states "unknown." If so, need fair market value so court has sufficient facts to fix bond.3. File Waiver of Bond by Heir or Beneficiary on mandatory Judicial Council Form DE-142 by registered domestic partner Daniel Neveu. PrC § 8481
Note: Per 9-19-2024 minute order, court ordered any and all objections to be filed in writing under penalty of perjury and served by 1-10-2025. Failure to file and serve objections by that date may constitute a waiver of all objections pursuant to CRC 7.801. |
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10.

9:00 AM

P23-01338

MATTER OF: TEDESCHI FAMILY TRUST DATED JULY 15, 2015

HEARING IN RE: FIRST AMENDED PETITION TO CONTEST TRUST FOR UNDUE INFLUENCE; CONTEST AND GROUNDS OF OBJECTION TO PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION WITH AUTHORIZATION TO ADMINISTER UNDER THE INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION OF ESTATES ACT; FOR CONSTRUCTIVE FRAUD; FOR CONSTRUCTIVE TRUST; TO PRECLUDE USE OF TRUST FUNDS; AND FOR ORDER FOR PARTIAL DISTRIBUTION FILED ON 01/16/24 BY GLORIA SCOLARI

-- See also Line # 3 --

Need appearances to report status, including discovery

Notes:

1. Objections by Beneficiaries Leah Slattery, Robert D. Slattery and Meredith Donahue filed 1-22-2024.
2. Paulette Slattery's Response and Objection filed 3-28-2024.
3. Second Amended Petition to Contest Trust filed by Gloria Scolari is set for hearing 3-13-2025.

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11A. **P23-01804** **ESTATE OF: PATRICA CANSON**

9:00 AM HEARING ON PETITION IN RE: FOR PROBATE OF WILL FILED ON 10/10/23 BY STEVEN SMITH

-- See also Line # 16, 18 and 22 --

Need appearances

Notes:

- a) Will Contest filed by Aurin Canson 2-29-2024
- b) Respondent Steven A. Smith's Answer filed 10/01/24.
- c) Status Report filed by Steven A. Smith 10-10-2024.
- d) Per 10-31-2024 minute order, court stayed all Demurrers.

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11B.

9:00 AM

P23-01804

ESTATE OF: PATRICA CANSON

HEARING IN RE: NOTICE OF HEARING; DEMURRER TO AURIN CANSON'S WILL CONTEST AND
GROUNDS OF OPPOSITION TO PROBATE OF PURPORTED WILL; MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND
AUTHORITIES IN SUPPORT THEREOF FILED ON 9/17/2024 BY STEVEN A. SMITH

Need:

1. Appearances
2. Proof of mailing Judicial Council Form Notice of Hearing to all persons entitled to receive notice
3. Proposed Order

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13.

P23-01899

ESTATE OF: OLGA ARENIVAR

9:00 AM

HEARING IN RE: WAIVER OF ACCOUNTING; PETITION FOR PAYMENT OF STATUTORY ATTORNEY'S
FEES AND FOR FINAL DISTRIBUTION FILED ON 09/22/24 BY SAMUEL J. ARENIVAR

Petition Approved
Proposed Order Submitted
No Appearance Required

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14A.

9:00 AM

P24-00048

ESTATE OF: BRENDJOLAE ALHAMBRA

HEARING IN RE: PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION WITH IAEA FILED ON 01/08/2024 BY
RICHARD MILLER

Need:

1. Appearances
2. Verified declaration by petitioner to include current addresses of all persons listed in Item # 8 so court can confirm mailing. PrC § 8002
3. Verified declaration by petitioner to include names and dates of death of decedent's parents and sibling Kathy Alhambra. LR 7.151(d)
4. Order for Probate Form DE-140

Note: Lynda Kariz Alhambra's Objection filed 4-23-2024.

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14B.

9:00 AM

P24-00048

ESTATE OF: BRENDJOLAE ALHAMBRA

HEARING IN RE: PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION W/IAEA FILED ON 4/23/2024 BY LYNDAL
KARIZ ALHAMBRA

Need:

1. Appearances
2. Verified declaration by petitioner to include names and dates of death of decedent's parents and sibling Kathy Alhambra. LR 7.151(d)
3. Verified declaration by petitioner to address petition Item # 5.a.(7) or 5.a.(8) (whether decedent is survived by issue of a predeceased child)

Note: Declaration of Richard Miller filed 9-16-2024 includes an "Objection to Petition of Lynda Kariz Alhambra" and "Response to Objection of Lynda Kariz Alhambra and Chester Alhambra." Declaration is not properly captioned. See CRC § 7.102.

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16A.

9:00 AM

P24-00346

MATTER OF: PATRICIA BYRD CANSON LIVING TRUST, DATED AUGUST 13, 2023

HEARING IN RE: NOTICE OF HEARING ON DEMURRER; DEMURRER TO AURIN CANSON'S PETITION TO INVALIDATE TRUST BASED UPON UNDUE INFLUENCE, OPPRESSION AND FRAUD; MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES IN SUPPORT THEREOF FILED ON 9/17/2024 BY STEVEN A. SMITH

-- See also Line # 11, 18 and 22 --

Need:

1. Appearances
2. Proof of mailing Judicial Council Form Notice of Hearing to all persons entitled to receive notice. PrC § 17203
3. Proposed Order

Note: Per 10-31-2024 minute order, court stayed all Demurrers.

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16B. **P24-00346** **MATTER OF: PATRICIA BYRD CANSON LIVING TRUST, DATED AUGUST 13, 2023**
9:00 AM HEARING ON PETITION IN RE: TO INVALIDATE TRUST BASED UPON UNDUE INFLUENCE, OPRESSION
AND FRAUD FILED ON 02/29/2024 BY AURIN M.K. CANSON

Need:

1. Appearances
2. Verified declaration to include the names, addresses and relationships of all persons entitled to notice
3. Proof of mailing to anyone added by verified declaration, not already served
4. Proposed Order

Note: Response filed by Steven A. Smith 10/02/24.

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18A. **P24-00990** **MATTER OF: PATRICIA BYRD CANSON LIVING TRUST, DATED AUGUST 13, 2023**
9:00 AM HEARING ON PETITION IN RE: FOR ORDER CONFIRMING TRUST AND TRUST ASSETS FILED BY STEVEN
A. SMITH ON 6/7/24

-- See also Line # 11, 16 and 22 --

Need:

1. Appearances
2. Verified declaration by petitioner to state current addresses of all persons entitled to receive notice. LR 7.112

Notes:

1. Objection filed by Trustee Donald Iwuchukwu 10-29-2024.
2. Per 10-31-2024 minute order, court stayed all Demurrers.

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18B.

9:00 AM

P24-00990

MATTER OF: PATRICIA BYRD CANSON LIVING TRUST, DATED AUGUST 13, 2023

HEARING IN RE: DEMURRER TO AURIN M.K. CANSON'S OBJECTION TO PETITION FOR ORDER
CONFIRMING TRUST AND TRUST ASSETS FILED ON 10/29/24 BY STEVEN A. SMITH

Need:

1. Appearances
2. Proof of mailing Judicial Council Form Notice of Hearing to all persons entitled to receive notice. PrC § 17203
3. Proposed Order

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18C.

9:00 AM

P24-00990

MATTER OF: PATRICIA BYRD CANSON LIVING TRUST, DATED AUGUST 13, 2023

HEARING IN RE: DEMURRER TO DONALD IWUCHUKWU'S OBJECTION TO PETITION FOR ORDER
CONFIRMING TRUST AND TRUST ASSETS

Need:

1. Appearances
2. Proof of mailing Judicial Council Form Notice of Hearing to all persons entitled to receive notice. PrC § 17203
3. Proposed Order

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21.	P24-01691	MATTER OF: THE JEFFREY STEVENS HARRIS REVOCABLE TRUST, DATED JANUARY 22, 2014
9:00 AM	HEARING IN RE: PETITION FOR ORDER APPOINTING TRUSTEE TO FILL THE VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF TRUSTEE FILED BY JACOB HARRIS ON 9/24/24	
	Need: Proposed Order	
	Note: ¶ 7.3 of trust waives bond.	

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22.

P24-02188

**MATTER OF: CALIFORNIA REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST OF PATRICIA BYRD
CANSON, DATED FEBRUARY 28, 2017**

9:00 AM

HEARING IN RE: DEMURRER TO DONALD IWUCHUKWU PETITION TO INVALIDATE TRUST BASED
UPON UNDUE INFLUENCE, OPPRESSION AND FRAUD (FILED 2/22/24); AND MEMORANDUM OF
POINTS AND AUTHORITIES IN SUPPORT THEREOF FILED ON 12/17/24 BY STEVEN A. SMITH

(HEARING ADVANCED FROM 05/01/25) DEMURRER TO COMPLAINT; NOTICE OF/TO:

-- See also Line # 11, 16 and 18 --

Need:

1. Appearances
2. Proof of mailing Judicial Council Form Notice of Hearing to all persons entitled
to receive notice. PrC § 17203
3. Proposed Order

Notes:

1. Petition for Order Determining Existence of Trust and for Order Determining
Title to Property filed by Trustee Donald Iwuchukwu will be calendared by
clerk.
2. Trustee Steven A. Smith's "Opposition to Petition for Order Determining
Existence of Trust and For Order Determining Title to Property" filed.
3. Response to Faythe Clark's Objection filed by Donald Iwuchukwu.
4. Trustee Steven A. Smith's Answer/Opposition to Donald Iwuchukwu's Petition
to Invalidate filed 12-17-2024.
5. Objection to Demurrer filed by Donald Iwuchukwu.
6. Per 10-31-2024 minute order in related cases, court stayed all Demurrers.