

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
PR - MARTINEZ-WAKEFIELD TAYLOR COURTHOUSE
COURT CALENDAR FOR JULY 3, 2025
DEPARTMENT 38
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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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DEPARTMENT 30 AND DEPARTMENT 38,
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1. **MSP22-00218 ESTATE OF SEGUNDO FORTUNATO COLLAZOS**
9:00 AM HEARING IN RE: MOTION FOR ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS AS SANCTIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$17,937.71 AGAINST GRECIA NIKOLATOS AND HOWARD E. KANE PURSUANT TO CCP 128.7 FILED ON
2/20/2025 BY ERLINE M. COLLAZOS

Need:

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

Note: Letters of Administration issued to Kellie Ann Hayes 3-30-2023.

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2. **P23-00989** **MATTER OF: THE NOVA JEAN LUND LIVING TRUST, DATED SEPTEMBER 16, 2010**
9:00 AM HEARING IN RE: TO INVALIDATE TRUST AMENDMENT FILED ON 05/30/23 BY JONATHAN LUND

Need:

1. Appearances to report status, including settlement
2. Verified declaration to include current addresses of all persons entitled to receive notice. LR 7.112
3. Proof of service in the manner provided in CCP § 415.10 (30 days personal service) or CCP § 415.30 (30 days proof of mailing with Notice and Acknowledgment of Receipt) on each person claiming an interest in, or having title to or possession of, the property. PrC § 851(a)(2)
4. Proposed Order

Note: Response and Objection filed by Rita Moscuzza 01/22/24.

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3A.

9:00 AM

P23-01193

MATTER OF: THE MTG TRUST

HEARING IN RE: (1) AN ACCOUNTING BY FORMER TRUSTEE, (2) INFORMATION, AND (3) ORDER
RETURNING ASSETS TO TRUST FILED ON 06/30/23 BY MULUGETA GEBRESELASSIE

Need appearances to report status, including mediation ordered 2-25-2025

Notes:

1. Objection of Tewodros Tewelde filed 11-21-2023.
2. Supplement filed 9-23-2024.

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3B.

9:00 AM

P23-01193

MATTER OF: THE MTG TRUST

HEARING IN RE: PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF FIRST AND FINAL ACCOUNT FILED 3/25/24 BY
TEWODROS TEWELDE

Need:

1. Appearances to report status, including mediation ordered 2-25-2025
2. Statement regarding bond per LR 7.111(b).
3. Verified declaration in support of attorney's fees paid as reported at schedule of disbursements. Statement showing services rendered, hours and rates charged so ct. can evaluate attorney fees reported. LR 7.450
4. Proposed Order

Note: Objection and Response filed by Mulugeta Gebreselassie 9-23-2024.

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5. **P23-01860** **ESTATE OF: CLAYTON SMUDSKY**
9:00 AM HEARING IN RE: FIRST AND FINAL ACCOUNT AND REPORT OF EXECUTOR; PETITION FOR ORDER
SETTLING ACCOUNT AND APPROVING REPORT; ALLOWING STATUTORY COMPENSATION AND FINAL
DISTRIBUTION FILED ON 2/18/2025 BY SCOTT SMUDSKY

Need:

1. Summary of Account that complies with PrC § 1061(b). Summary must balance. Need specific list of assets on hand at end of account period, including vehicles; reference to Property Appraised by Probate Referee of \$57,583.00 is insufficient.
2. Verified declaration of petitioner showing compliance with Probate Code § 11005
3. Verified declaration by petitioner to clarify plan of distribution. Pour-over Will authorizes distribution of personal property to issue of decedent, not cash.
4. Verified declaration by petitioner to include specific plan of distribution, including description of each vehicle to be distributed. LR 7.301
5. Verified declaration by petitioner to clarify whether a federal estate tax return (Form 706) was filed
6. Proposed Order

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6.	P24-00028	MATTER OF: ALBERT D. SEENO, JR. AND SANDRA L. SEENO EDEN VALLEY TRUST FOR ALBERT D. SEENO III AND THE ALBERT D. SEENO, JR. AND SANDRA L. SEENO EDEN VALLEY TRUST FOR DAVID T. SEENO
9:00 AM	HEARING IN RE: PETITIONERS ALBERT SEENO III AND DAVID SEENO'S NOTICE OF MOTION TO ADMIT ANNE O'MEARA TO APPEAR AS COUNSEL PRO HAC VICE FILED ON 2/18/2025 BY ALBERT D. SEENO, III AND DAVID SEENO	
	Need appearances	

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7. 9:00 AM	P24-00342 HEARING IN RE: PETITION TO COMPEL TRUSTEE TO ACCOUNT FILED ON 02/27/2024 BY JAMES D. MARCH	MATTER OF: THE MARLENE A. MARCH REVOCABLE TRUST DATED JULY 1ST, 2019
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Note: Request for Dismissal entered 5-14-2025.

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8. 9:00 AM	P24-00404 ESTATE OF: ELISA AYROSO HEARING IN RE: PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION WITH IAEA AND LIMITED AUTHORITY FILED ON 10/23/24 BY FELISA AYROSO <div style="text-align: right;">LR 7.52/7.56</div>
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Petitioner, daughter, still must do the following:

1. Appear at the hearing
2. File a verified declaration by petitioner to address petition Item #5b. (whether decedent was survived by a stepchild or foster child or children who would have been adopted, but for a legal barrier)
3. File a verified declaration to add deceased spouse with date of death to petition Item # 8. LR 7.151(d)
4. Have Notice of Petition to Administer Estate DE-121 published and file proof of publication with the Court. PrC § 8120
5. Submit Order for Probate Form DE-140

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9. **P24-00418** **ESTATE OF: ELLA REGALLIE**
9:00 AM HEARING IN RE: FIRST AND FINAL REPORT; FEES AND COSTS; FINAL DISTRIBUTION FILED ON 02/14/25
BY VERA KAUFMAN

Need:

1. Verified declaration by petitioner to include personal representative of Estate of David Regallie as a person entitled to receive notice. LR 7.112
2. Proof of mailing to personal representative of Estate of David Regallie
3. Spouse did not file an election to subject any inheritance to formal administration so therefore court lacks jurisdiction to order distribution to spouse or fees thereon. Need petition (may be *ex parte*) showing good cause for allowing late election, and order. Otherwise you will need amended petition eliminating spouse's portion and a recalculation of statutory fees. Proposed election must comply with LR 7.305. See PrC §§ 13500, 13501, 13502
4. Proposed Order

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9:00 AM

P24-00848

MATTER OF: POWELL FAMILY TRUST

HEARING IN RE: MOTION TO COMPEL FURTHER RESPONSES OF HERBERT ROTHMAN TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS, SET NO. TWO; REQUEST FOR SANCTIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,085.00 FILED ON 2/19/2025 BY BRAD DEAN SANDERS

Continue to 7-22-2025

When to proceed, will Need:

1. Appearances
2. Proposed Order

Notes:

1. Per 2-20-2025 minute order, parties are ordered to mediation.
2. "Notice of Motion and Motion of Herbert Rothman to be Relieved from Waiver of Objections to Requests for Production of Documents;" filed 3-11-2025 is set for hearing 7-22-2025.
3. Petition for Instruction filed by Brad Dean Sanders is set for continued hearing 8-5-2025.
4. On the court's own motion, this Motion is CONTINUED to July 22, 2025, to be heard with the Motion to be Relieved from Waiver of Objections.

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9:00 AM

P24-00879

MATTER OF: ERIK FINNE SPECIAL NEEDS TRUST

HEARING IN RE: FIFTH AND FINAL ACCOUNT AND REPORT FILED BY HERB THOMAS ON 2/20/25

Need:

1. Verified declaration by petitioner to clarify amount of fees requested. ¶ 15 at page 6 states \$8,582.00; however, prayer and proposed Order reflect \$8,852.00.
2. Revised, proposed Order if needed in resolution of above

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12.

P24-01593

ESTATE OF: SHARON CARNEY

9:00 AM

HEARING IN RE: AMENDED PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION WITH IAEA FILED ON
02/19/25 BY JONATHAN CARNEY

Petition Approved
Proposed Order Submitted
No Appearance Required