PROBATE NOTES FOR DEPARTMENT 2, NOVEMBER 6, 2026

1. **Estate of Joanne D Knowles (PR12743).** Final Distribution Hearing. No appearances required. Petition and related documents are in order; the estate is in a condition to be closed. Cal. Prob. Code § 11640. No accounting is required because beneficiary has waived this requirement. Cal. Prob. Code § 10954(a)(1). The petition will be granted and final order authorizing statutory compensation for the executor, statutory attorney's fees, reimbursement of costs, and distribution of the estate will issue.

2. **Estate of Donna Proulx (PR12742).** Letters of Administration. Appearances required. On January 14, 2026, Petitioner Tianne Proulx filed a Petition for Letters of Administration with full authority to administer the intestate estate. The decedent is survived by three children, who are all estranged from one another. The parties spent several months attempting to resolve the best way to handle the estate. Petitioner's counsel was relieved by the Court of representation in July 2026. Petitioner requested time to secure new counsel; no one has entered an appearance to date. On September 28, 2026, counsel for Lenee Trachsel requested special notice and withdrew her objection to the Petition, which was previously stated on the record rather than filed. The Court requests an update from the third likely beneficiary, if any, and on agreements pertaining to bond, and whether any objections to the placement of estate funds into a locked account remain. If no objections remain, the court intends to issue letters of administration to Petitioner once bond in the amount of $300,000 has been established (Cal. Prob. Code §§ 8480, 8482), as remaining documents appear to be in order. Further review hearing on the Inventory and Appraisal will be held on March 1, 2027, at 8:30 a.m. in Dept. 2. The review on the PC 12200 will be held on November 5, 2027, at 8:30 a.m. in Dept. 2.

3. **Estate of Kathleen Cole (PR12848).** Letters of Administration. Appearances required. On September 8, 2026, Petitioner Charles Cochran, only son of decedent, filed a Petition for Letters of Administration with full authority to administer the intestate estate. He filed a bond waiver and an affidavit of publication. Documents are in order. Son of decedent has demonstrated sufficient relation to serve as administrator. Cal. Prob. Code § 8461. Assuming no objections are received, Petitioner will be appointed as administrator and letters will issue. Further review hearing on the Inventory and Appraisal will be held on March 1, 2027, at 8:30 a.m. in Dept. 2. The review on the PC 12200 will be held on November 5, 2027, at 8:30 a.m. in Dept. 2.

4. **Estate of Douglas Spraggins (PR12680).** Review Hearing. No appearances required. On May 1, 2026, the Court requested an amended proposed order to add motor vehicles to the final distribution. Administrator filed an amended proposed order, which was signed on May 7, 2026. This case can now be closed.

5. **In the Matter of Juley Salkeld (PR12903).** No appearances are required. The Court directs the parties to obtain a capacity declaration by a medical professional familiar with Ms. Salkeld's condition and lodge it with the Court for the Court's consideration by November 11, 2026. The parties may use Judicial Council form GC-335 or its equivalent.

The Court requires additional information as to Ms. Salkeld's physical or mental illness that makes her disabled and incapable of devoting time and attention to and providing the quality of service to her law practice that is required of a licensed attorney, including expected duration of such disability. The Court refers the parties to Part II of GC-335 related to Mental Functioning and directs the parties to ensure the capacity declaration includes a complete assessment of the factors contained therein. The Court will continue this hearing until November 13, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. in Dept. 2, wherein appearances will be required.