PROBATE NOTES FOR DEPARTMENT 2, NOVEMBER 20, 2026

1. **Estate of Lawrence Buzz Gurney (PR12545).** Review Hearing. Appearances required. Letters were issued in this case on January 21, 2025. Petitioner appeared on August 21, 2026, and advised a related elder abuse case (CV67246) was still pending. The related matter is set for status conference on November 18, 2026. Since the last appearance, a Notice to Creditors, a Notice of Hearing, a Status Report of Administration (Probate Code § 12201), and a Supplemental Inventory and Appraisal were filed. Petitioner contends the estate cannot yet be closed due to the unresolved civil case and requests an additional 90 days. The court requests an update on whether 90 days is sufficient time to resolve the related case and whether any timely creditors claims were received. A further review hearing will be set.

2. **Estate of Michael Albert Barreno (PR12833).** Letters of Administration. Appearances not required. Petitioner Albert R. Barreno ("Petitioner"), father of decedent Michael Albert Barreno ("Decedent"), submitted documents on August 12, 2026. Value of the estate is listed at $500. Decedent died intestate on July 30, 2026, following a motor vehicle collision. He is survived by Petitioner, his mother, and by two minor daughters. A separate guardianship action is anticipated for the minor children to be in the care of Brandon and Marie Price. Petitioner was previously advised that publication is required. Proof of publication was filed on October 2, 2026. Documents now appearing in order, the Court intends to issue letters. Hearing on Inventory and Appraisal will be held March 19, 2027, at 8:30 a.m. in Dept. 2. A Probate Code section 12200 review will be held on November 19, 2027, at 8:30 a.m. in Dept. 2.

3. **Estate of Betty Jean Baker (PR12587).** Petition Hearing. No appearances required. Letters were issued on April 11, 2025, to Terri Garris and John Kramer. On November 12, 2026, Petitioners filed a Status Report of Administration, which reported real property assets of the estate are under contract to be sold and requested an additional 90 days to file for final distribution. Further review hearing will be held on February 19, 2027, at 8:30 a.m. in Dept. 2.

4. **Estate of Daniel James Titchenal (PR12614).** Review Hearing. Appearances not required. Petition for Final Distribution has been filed. The estate is in a condition to be closed. The Court intends to sign the proposed order authorizing statutory compensation for the executor, statutory attorney's fees, reimbursement of costs, and final distribution of the estate.

5. **Maria J Armstrong Revocable Trust (PR12756)**. Petition Hearing. Appearances required. Petitioner co-Trustee Sarah Buurkarl seeks to recover trust assets allegedly diverted by Tracy Valett and Dana Valett from the subject trust. Default was entered against Tracy Valett on September 18, 2026. He subsequently filed a verified answer and response to the petition without moving to set aside the default. Dana Valett has not filed a responsive pleading, although she assisted Tracy with preparing and filing his response.

The court requests an update on how Petitioner intends to proceed. A further review hearing will be set.

6. **Estate of Richard Anthony Remington (PR12840)**. Probate Will/Issue Letters. No appearances required. This matter was heard on October 2, 2026. Since then, Petitioner has filed an updated Confidential Statement and an Affidavit of Publication. Documents now appearing in order, the Court intends to issue letters. Hearing on Inventory and Appraisal will be held on March 19, 2027, at 8:30 a.m. in Dept. 2. A Probate Code section 12200 review will be held on November 19, 2027, at 8:30 a.m. in Dept. 2.

7. **Estate of Jack A Geigle (PR 12860)**. Determine Succession to Real Property. No appearances required. Petitioner Jack J. Geigle, adult son of intestate decedent Jack A. Geigle, filed a petition to determine succession of real property pursuant to Probate Code section 13150, *et seq*, without administration. Decedent is survived by two adult children and no spouse. Each surviving child has signed the petition. Documents appear to be in order. The Court intends to grant the petition and sign the proposed order.

8. **In the Matter of The Thomas A. Nelson 2009 Revocable Trust (PR12783)**. Motion Hearing; Motion Hearing; Pre-Trial Hearing. This matter is continued from October 16, 2026. In addition to this review, the parties are scheduled to attend an informal discovery conference at 1:30 p.m. on November 20, 2026, unless issues have been resolved. Parties were ordered to prepare and file a joint statement no later than November 13, 2026. A joint statement has not been filed as of the deadline. The Court requests an update regarding visitation and discovery issues, and whether trial dates can be set.

   Ex Parte Motion for Further Protective Order. On August 20, 2026, Respondent Harper filed an ex parte application for protective order related to Petitioner's Special Interrogatories, Set One, which contained 298 interrogatories. The Court intends to address this at the pending Informal Discovery Conference.

   Motion for Leave to File Amended Petition. On September 8, 2026, Petitioner filed a Motion for Leave to File Amended Petition to remove Respondent Heimstra. Respondent Harper does not oppose. The Motion hearing was continued at the last hearing. The Court intends to grant leave to file an amended petition.