

Superior Court of California, County of Tuolumne
Consolidated Calendar
Commissioner Steven Streger

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1	PR12559	Estate of Cathi Kay Nies		12/05/2024
		Jennifer E Nies	Attorney: William Coffill	
		Cathi Kay Nies		
		Review Hearing - Report - Probate Code 12200		

12/05/2024 Petition

File Tracking 01/30/2025 High Density

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No appearance is necessary.

This is the §12200 review hearing which ought to have been taken off-calendar following this Court’s order granting the petition for final distribution back on 11.07.2025.

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2	PR12742	Estate of Donna Proulx Tianne Proulx Donna Proulx Letters of Administration	Attorney: Jason Pink	01/14/2026
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01/14/2026 Petition

File Tracking
01/14/2026 LP Labels Needed

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This is the initial hearing on a petition to issue letters of administration for an intestate estate. The petition identifies three likely intestate heirs: the petitioner, and two apparent siblings. The Notice of Hearing only includes one of those siblings, which begs the question whether Lenee was given notice. There are also two different addresses provided for Jacon, which makes notice unclear. Moreover, the fact that petitioner is offering to provide a bond for a modest intestate estate to be split amongst siblings raises some question as to why the siblings did not agree to waive bond to avoid that expense. Petitioner does not have nominations from her siblings, and while she is not *required* to have those, the absence of a nomination or bond waiver raises the specter of conflict.

Petitioner to advise.

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4	PR12608	Estate of John Jerome Ferles		02/28/2025
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Joshua Ferles	Pro Per
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Review Hearing - Inventory and Appraisal

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02/28/2025 Petition

File Tracking 03/17/2025 High Density

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This is a continued review hearing regarding the overdue I&A for this estate. While the petition indicates (at Para 3.d.) close to \$300,000 in assets, petitioner informs this Court that the estate consists mostly of personal memorabilia. Petitioner was reminded of the need to comply with court requirements even if he wishes to represent himself.

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5	PR12566	Estate of Shelly Lynn Desgeorges		12/24/2024
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Shelly Lynn Desgeorges

Jessica Glenn

Attorney: Brandon Meyer

Review Hearing - Report - Probate Code 12200

12/24/2024 Petition

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02/11/2025 High Density

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No appearance is necessary. The Court, having received and reviewed petitioner's TUO-PR-125, intends to find by a preponderance of the evidence that good cause exists to extend the period of administration for this estate in order to liquidate the anchor asset and remove the current squatter.

A §12200 review hearing will be set for 05/15/2026 at 8:30 a.m.

Petitioner is directed to give notice to her co-heir that failure to cooperate with petitioner's efforts to safeguard assets may result in a surcharge against the heir's interest (see §§ 9613, 9657, 9820(a)).

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7	PR12740	The Estate of Martin A. Sample		01/06/2026
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Amber Sanfeliz

Attorney: Brandon Meyer

Martin Sample

Probate Will/Issue Letters

01/06/2026 Petition

File Tracking

01/07/2026 LP Labels Needed

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This is the initial hearing on a petition to secure letters of administration for a testate estate (aka, will annexed). Based on the petition, decedent directed in a written instrument that the entirety of his estate (estimated to be around \$300,000) go “to Valerie Robbin of Coral Gables, Florida, or to her issue by right of representation” – except for a photo album which decedent devised directly to his brother Paul Sample. It is not clear why the petition states that decedent had no next of kin (Para 6.h.) when the will itself states otherwise. Either way, because the will is not self-proving (and in fact is not claimed to be), a DE-131 from a subscribing witness will be required. Notice must be provided directly to decedent’s brother. See §8110(a) and (b). Since the representation that decedent had no heirs appears to be false, this Court will not appoint petitioner or admit the will without identification of all heirs at law and notice to all.

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8	PR12704	Guardianship of Clemintine Lynn Garcia	09/23/2025
		Wynter Garcia	Pro Per
		Clementine Lynn Garcia	Attorney: Christine Parraz
		Bernard Garcia	Pro Per
		Review Hearing	

09/23/2025 Petition

09/23/2025 Petition

File Tracking 12/22/2025 High Density

This is continued hearing on a highly-contested guardianship case. On the docket this day are:

1. Appointment of minor’s counsel. Parties were directed to file FL-150s by mid-January to permit this Court to assess options for covering the cost of minor’s counsel (see §1470). Nothing has been filed, though parties made representation that conditions set forth in Appendix E were met.
2. Appointment of supervisor for mother’s visits. Parties were unable to agree on a supervisor. Since the hearing, only MGF Eric has filed FL-324(NP), signifying his willingness to serve.
3. Although parties resolved DVROs with SPCOs, Calaveras made a CACI report against Mother, which impacts Mother’s custodial rights either way.

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10	PR12748	Guardianship of Jeremy Twofeather Kerr	01/23/2026
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Sandra Aguilar	Pro Per
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Jeremy Twofeather Kerr	Pro Per
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Frank Aguilar	Pro Per
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John Aguilar	Pro Per
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Petition Hearing

Appoint Guardian - Amended Petition Filed?

01/23/2026 Petition

File Tracking

This is the second hearing on a petition to establish a guardianship over one child who presently resides part-time with great grandfather, and part-time with uncle/aunt who have separately sought guardianship.

The child appears to be a member of a federally-recognized tribe, triggered ICWA protections. Bio father is unknown. Mother is incarcerated (see CRF78377). There is a CPO issued against mother protecting great grand-father and child. There is also a partial DV-TRO issued in FL19372 barring mother from having any contact with great grandfather and child, but it only includes a "stay away" from the GGF and not the proposed ward.

If inquiry results in a reason to know the child is an Indian child, then the formal notice requirements of W&I Code §224.3 apply. See *In re D.S.* (2020) 46 Cal.App.5th 1041, 1052. Before appointing a temporary guardian of the person for an Indian child over the objection of a parent, tribe, or Indian custodian, the court must: (1) advise the parent or Indian custodian that if they cannot afford counsel, the court will appoint counsel for them under section 1912(b) of the Indian Child Welfare Act; and (2) find, in addition to facts in the petition establishing good cause for the appointment and any other showing the court may require under Probate Code section 2250(b), that the appointment is necessary to prevent imminent physical damage or harm to the child.

Uncle/aunt were supposed to secure bio mom's consent by visiting her in jail, but the court file does not include the consent.

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11	PR12159	Guardianship of John Mark Mutchler	09/06/2022
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Hayley Mutchler

Attorney: Jennifer Lothert

John Mark Mutchler

Pro Per

Review Hearing - Guardian Rept-Probate Code 1513.2

09/06/2022 Petition

File Tracking

11/13/2024 From Court-Probate on Calendar

No appearance is necessary.

There being no petition on file to extend the current guardianship, and the ward now having reached the age of majority, this guardianship terminates by operation of law.

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12	PR10766	Guardianship of Landen P. Underwood	09/23/2011
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Steven Levi Zukal	Pro Per
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Courtney Lee Zukal	Pro Per
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Landen Paul Underwood

Review Hearing - Guardian Rept-Probate Code 1513.2

09/23/2011 Petition: Other

09/23/2011 Petition

Other Cases
PR10767

File Tracking 03/13/2025 High Density

This was to be the annual review of a guardianship. However, the absence of a GC-251 prompted this Court to review the file and note that the §1513.2 notice required of the court clerk was issued to the wrong parties. A new notice will need to go out to the current guardian, which a new review date set.

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14 PR12717	Guardianship of Mia Ellyana Faith O'Connor Bonnie Ellen O'Connor Pro Per Faith O'Connor Pro Per Mia Ellyana Faith O'Connor Pro Per Appoint Guardian FURTHER - Long Term		10/14/2025
10/14/2025	Petition	File Tracking	
10/14/2025	Petition	10/23/2025 High Density	

This is the continued hearing on a pending temporary guardianship, awaiting graduation to permenances, but delayed as a result of guardian recalcitrance. Some of the issues include:

- School tardiness
- Lack of awareness of transgressions by others in home
- Allowing Joe, Katie, Michelle, to use as crashpad
- Drug paraphernalia
- Pending CWS inquiry
- Family Code §3041.5: “In any guardianship proceeding, the court may order any person who is seeking custody of, or visitation with, a child to undergo testing for the illegal use of substances and the use of alcohol.”

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16	FL19126	Jane Broderson vs. Ashkan Yahyaie		07/18/2025
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Jane Broderson	Pro Per
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Ashkan Yahyaie

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Jane Broderson

Ashkan Yahyaie	Pro Per
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Jane Broderson

Review Hearing - TRO/Domestic Violence

10/03/2025 OSC Application

File Tracking 10/06/2025 High Density

DVRO lapsed on 10/10/2025. This was to be a review hearing to determine whether mutual ROs would be needed, despite Petitioner's strong objection to anything on her record. There have been no filings since October. Hearing date to be vacated and Court will await word from the parties as to whether additional intervention is needed.

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17	FL18336	Margaret Hardman and Kristofer Hardman		10/27/2023
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Margaret Hardman

Attorney: Juley Salkeld

Kristofer Hardman

Attorney: Sally Chenault

Settlement Conference

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parties asked to appear at 2PM

10/27/2023 Petition

File Tracking

04/29/2025 From Court-Family on Calendar
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Complex dissolution settlement conference; nearing complete resolution but stalled when the game clock ran out last time.

