

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

Department 5	March 6, 2026	8:30 am	DA Case #	Date Filed
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2	PR12385	Estate of David Williams		01/16/2024
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Terri L. Williams

Attorney: E. Lawrence
Brock

Review Hearing - Report - Probate Code 12200

01/16/2024 Petition

File Tracking 09/23/2024 High Density

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Hearing may begin closer to 8:50.

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 monetize decedent’s personal injury claim.

A §12200 review hearing will be set for 12/11/2026 at 8:30 a.m.

Clerk to give notice.

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3	PR12680	Estate of Douglas Spraggins		07/24/2025
		Gabriel Spraggins	Attorney: Kyle Johnson	
		Douglas Spraggins		
		Review Hearing - Inventory and Appraisal		

07/24/2025 Petition

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No appearance is necessary.

This is the §8800 review hearing. A final I&A was filed 12/17/2025, rendering this review hearing moot.

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4	PR12545	Estate of Lawrence Buzz Gurney		11/06/2024
		Paul Vaughan	Attorney: Jason Pink	
		DeAnna R Armario	Attorney: John Lewman	
		Review Hearing - Report - Probate Code 12200		

11/06/2024 Petition

File Tracking 03/11/2025 High Density

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This probate action was released into the wild on 01/31/2025. Pursuant to Probate Code §§ 12200-12201, petitioner had twelve (12) months from then to file a petition for final distribution or a status report explaining the condition of the estate, the reasons why the estate cannot be distributed and closed, and an estimate of the time needed to close administration of the estate. For those needing to file a status report, this Court has created a very fine local form (TUO-PR-125) to ease the effort. A review of the court file reveals no petition or status report.

Petitioner to advise.

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5	PR12133	Estate of Louis A. Benoit Jr		06/21/2022
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Annie Benoit	Attorney: Ronald Hillberg
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Louis A Benoit

Laurie Jamison	Attorney: Ronald Hillberg
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Review Hearing - Inventory and Appraisal

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12/26/2023 Report on Status of Administration

File Tracking
03/25/2025 High Density

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This was to be a review hearing for the successor administrator to comply with §8800 – but the delays in this case have taken on a life of their own. This is a garden-variety probate case, commenced almost four years ago. It is one of the oldest estate probate cases in the active open inventory of this courthouse, and that shall end forthwith. Treating the whole of the court file as a de facto §12200 report, this Court hereby orders petitioner – pursuant to Probate Code §12201(c)(2) – to have on file within 30 days a petition for final distribution. Petitioner shall give proper notice (unless waived) and set the hearing for 04/24/2026 at 8:30 a.m.

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8	CV67247	LVNV Funding LLC vs. Laura Nelsen		05/06/2025
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LVNV Funding LLC

Attorney: Adam Kidd

Laura Nelsen

Case Management Conference

Further- Special Request by Defendant
Defendant requested a Friday- sp

05/06/2025 Complaint

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Collections case. Answer filed. Set trial.

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9 PR12746 The Estate of Donald Edmund Weber

01/21/2026

Heidi Beauchene

Attorney: Yet Not Entered

Donald Edmund Weber

Spousal Property Hearing

01/21/2026 Petition

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01/21/2026 LP Labels Needed

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This is the initial hearing on a sponsored spousal set-aside petition. The Probate Code provides for summary procedures which by-pass traditional administration. Before the Court in this case is one such by-pass intended to permit a surviving spouse to obtain a judicial determination of property to which that spouse is set aside and keep for themselves. That by-pass is codified at Probate Code §§ 13500 and 13650, which collectively provide that “when a husband or wife dies intestate leaving property that passes to the surviving spouse under Section 6401, the property passes to the survivor” provided that “all or a part of the estate is property passing to the surviving spouse” – among other statutory conditions. As noted in *Estate of Bonanno* (2008) 165 Cal.App.4th 7 (at 19-20): “The procedure established in Probate Code section 13650 is voluntary. It is helpful because although property may automatically pass to a surviving spouse without administration, some title companies and others may not clear or transfer title without a court order.”

The salient facts alleged are as follows:

1. Donald and Wendy were at all relevant times married;
2. Donald and Wendy owned APN 086-010-006-000 “as community property”;
3. Donald and Wendy owned Putnam Investments Account #9366 “as community property”;
4. Donald died 10/11/2018;
5. Wendy died 12/30/2024;
6. Petitioner herein is Wendy’s personal representative by virtue of a court order in her own probate case out of Stanislaus (PR-25-000206).

By virtue of Probate Code §§ 100, 6401, 13500 and 13540, both of the above-referenced assets effectively vested in Wendy the moment Donald died intestate. There was no need for a by-pass petition, and it is presently unclear to this Court why those assets cannot be inventoried in Wendy’s estate. However, if an order confirming them to Wendy (ie, confirming Donald had no will) and moving them into Wendy’s estate is really required, there are two impediments:

First, pursuant to Probate Code §13650(a), a surviving spouse or her personal representative “may file a petition ***in the superior court of the county in which the estate of the deceased spouse may be administered*** requesting an order that administration of all or part of the estate is not necessary for the reason that all or part of the estate is property passing to the surviving spouse.” Emphasis added. A proceeding involving Donald’s estate is proper in the county in which he was domiciled. Probate Code §7051. Petitioner has not provided “the facts necessary to determine” that Donald was domiciled in Tuolumne County at the time of his passing. Probate Code §13651(a)(1).

Second, the petition must affirmatively show “the facts upon which the petitioner bases the allegation that all or a part of the estate of the deceased spouse is property passing to the surviving spouse.” Probate Code §13651(a)(3). In other words, the petition must provide evidence from which to show that the assets are presently owned 50% by Donald. There is a grant deed showing Donald owned 50% of the real property in 1983, but nothing contemporaneous. The financial account is much closer to today, so that would suffice.

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10	PR12553	Conservatorship of Cord Watson	11/26/2024
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Benjamin Watson	Attorney: Jennifer Lothert
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Elizabeth Watson	Attorney: Jennifer Lothert
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Cord Watson

Review Hearing - Investigator Report - PR Code 1850

11/26/2024 Petition

File Tracking 03/13/2025 High Density

Based on the court investigator's report, this Court intends to find by clear and convincing evidence the conservatee still meets the statutory requirements for a general conservatorship, that a general conservatorship remains the least restrictive alternative for the conservatee's protection, and that the conservator continues to serve the conservatee's best interests.

Court intends to set the annual review hearing date.

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11 PR12365	Conservatorship of Julian Krasner Julian Krasner Pro Per Sheldon Krasner Attorney: Matthew Wright Review Hearing - Investigator Report - PR Code 1850		11/27/2023
11/27/2023 Transfer In	File Tracking 03/14/2024 High Density		

Based on the court investigator's report, this Court intends to find by clear and convincing evidence the conservatee still meets the statutory requirements for a limited conservatorship, that a limited conservatorship remains the least restrictive alternative for the conservatee's protection, and that the conservator continues to serve the conservatee's best interests.

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12	PR12316	Conservatorship of Kaylie G. Bellah	08/04/2023
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Steve Bellah	Attorney: Jennifer Lothert
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Camie Bellah	Attorney: Jennifer Lothert
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Kaylie Bellah	Attorney: Carrie McKernan
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Review Hearing - Investigator Report - PR Code 1850

08/04/2023 Petition

File Tracking 07/31/2025 High Density

Based on the court investigator's report, this Court intends to find by clear and convincing evidence the conservatee still meets the statutory requirements for a general conservatorship, that a general conservatorship remains the least restrictive alternative for the conservatee's protection, and that the conservator continues to serve the conservatee's best interests.

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13 PR11847	Guardianship of Carson James Green		09/14/2020
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James Althouse	Pro Per
Lisa Althouse	Pro Per
Carson James Green	Pro Per
Breanna Althouse	Attorney: Jennifer Lothert
Review Hearing	

Visitation / Court Investigator Report

06/20/2025 Termination of Guardianship

File Tracking 01/14/2025 From Court Legal Document 5
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This is a maternal grandparent guardianship in which the bio mother has filed for, and recently secured, visitation rights. Mother currently enjoys long weekends (Thurs @ 5:30 pm → Sun @ 7:00 pm) which obviates the need for further action on her motion for visitation. Mother also has a separate motion pending to terminate the guardianship (filed 06/20/2025), which is currently stayed pending a “test run” on Mother’s visitation which is getting close to 50/50. The guardians recently filed a declaration asking to dismiss the petition to terminate and to order a new home study in light of changed circumstances adversely impacting the current visitation arrangement.

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14	PR11337	Guardianship of Jesse J. Bustamante	06/23/2016
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Kathryn Keagy	Pro Per
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Jesse Lucas Bustamante

Jesus Bustamante	Pro Per
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Brandie D Folres	Pro Per
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Motion Hearing - Visitation

Grandparent

10/20/2022 Termination of Guardianship

File Tracking 10/17/2024 High Density

Paternal grandmother motion for visitation rights triggered by guardian's suggestion that she might be moving out of state to Oregon.

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15	PR12749	Guardianship of Joeseph Steven Ashlock	01/26/2026
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Haley Ferraro	Pro Per
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Joeseph Steven Ashlock

Linda Ashlock	Pro Per
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Appoint Guardian

FURTHER temporary

01/26/2026 Petition

File Tracking 02/24/2026 High Density

This is the continued hearing on a petition by two individuals (aunt, paternal grandmother) to establish a guardianship over one child. The procedural history of this family is anomalous.

In JV8555, bio dad was awarded sole legal and sole physical, with bio mother receiving limited supervised visits based on substance abuse issues.

In FL19269, bio dad and bio mom stipulated to JOINT legal and physical custody and an equal 50/50 unsupervised timeshare with mid-week exchanges.

Then, bio dad signed a consent form agreeing to hand over his parenting rights via guardianship to petitioners herein. ICWA is unclear. Bio dad says he only wants guardianship as temporary placeholder but children are not pets to be boarded when parents need a breather. Bio mom objects to guardianship and insists she can parent while facing her demons.

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16 PR12761	In the Matter of Nevaeh Clemens		02/24/2026
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Sidney Clemens	Pro Per
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Nevaeh Clemens

Stephen Clemens	Pro Per
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Appoint Guardian - Person

Temp

02/24/2026 Petition

File Tracking 02/27/2026 LP Labels Needed

This is the initial hearing on a petition by the paternal uncle and aunt to establish a guardianship over a child currently residing with her biological mother in Butte County, CA.

Per Probate Code §2201, “the proper county for the commencement of a guardianship is the county in which the proposed ward resides [or] such other county as may be in the best interests of the proposed ward.”

Per Family Code §3041: “Before making an order granting custody to a person other than a parent, over the objection of a parent, the court shall make a finding that granting custody to a parent would be detrimental to the child and that granting custody to the nonparent is required to serve the best interest of the child. Detriment to the child includes the harm of removal from a stable placement of a child with a person who has assumed, on a day-to-day basis, the role of the child's parent. A finding that parental custody would be detrimental to the child shall be supported by clear and convincing evidence.”

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17 FL18265

Blake Johansen and Kaitlynn Johansen

08/30/2023

Blake Johansen

Pro Per

Kaitlynn Johansen

Hearing: Other

In Chambers meeting 2 minors

08/30/2023 Petition

File Tracking

03/03/2025 Archive Room