

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

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<b>1</b>	<b>CV66070</b>	<b>Stefan Karl Cathrein vs. Cheryl R Johnson-Gonzales</b>		04/05/2024
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<b>Stefan Karl Cathrein</b>	Attorney: Stacy Tyler
<b>Cheryl R Johnson-Gonzales</b>	Attorney: Yet Not Entered
<b>Cheryl R Johnson-Gonzales</b>	Attorney: Yet Not Entered
<b>Stefan Karl Cathrein</b>	
<b>Motion Hearing - Ex Parte</b>	

RESERVED by Defendant's Attorney  
Date Approved by Commissioner Streger via email 3/16/2026 Emanix

**05/06/2024 Cross Complaint**

<b>File Tracking</b> 08/28/2025 High Density
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2	PR12753	Estate of Ernest R. Benson		02/05/2026
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**Ernest R. Benson**

**Petra Benson**

Attorney: Brandon Meyer

**Petition Hearing**

Letters of Administration

**02/05/2026** Petition

<b>File Tracking</b>
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03/09/2026 High Density
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No appearance is necessary.

This is the initial hearing on an intestate petition to open probate and secure Letters of Administration. The Court, having reviewed all notices, nominations and requirements filings, notes that the petition suffers from no omissions/defects and is ready for approval as is. Court intends to grant the petition, sign the order, issue the Letters, and set §§ 8800/12200 review dates.

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3	PR12534	Estate of Melanie Jean Osterholm		10/09/2024
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**Patricia Dalman**

Attorney: Tamara Polley

**Melanie Jean Osterholm**

**Final Distribution Hearing**

10/09/2024 Petition

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01/22/2025 High Density
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No appearance is necessary.

This is the initial hearing on a petition to approve the proposed estate distribution plan, including statutory remuneration and reimbursements. The Court, having reviewed all items therein, notes that the petition suffers from no omissions/defects (save for omission of the closing statement) and is ready for approval as is. Court intends to grant the petition and sign the order.

Review hearing set for 04/17/2026 is hereby vacated.

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<b>4</b>	<b>PR12571</b>	<b>Estate of Stanley Dale Thomas</b>	<b>12/30/2024</b>
		<b>William Thomas</b>	Attorney: Tamara Polley
		<b>Stanley Dale Thomas</b>	
		<b>Final Distribution Hearing - Failure to File</b>	

12/30/2024 Petition

**File Tracking**  
02/14/2025 From Court-Probate on Calendar

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This is the initial hearing on a petition to approve the proposed estate distribution plan, including statutory remuneration and reimbursements. The Court, having reviewed all items therein, notes that the petition suffers from no omissions/defects and is ready for approval as is. (A seller’s credit reduces the sale price and counts as a loss on the sale, but the amount here is negligible in terms of the statutory fee.) Court intends to grant the petition and sign the order.

Review hearing set for 04/10/2026 is hereby vacated.



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<b>6</b>	<b>PR12681</b>	<b>The Estate of Asterio Navarro</b>		<b>07/29/2025</b>
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**Celia Navarro** Pro Per

**Asterio Navarro**

**Letters of Administration**

**FURTHER**

**07/29/2025** Petition

<b>File Tracking</b> 07/30/2025 High Density
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This is the continued hearing on a probate petition. Although petitioner is a self-represented individual, the number of errors and omissions with this petition make it difficult to navigate. To start, on Page 1 the petition indicates probate of a will, and a request for appointment as executor, but on Page 2 decedent is said to have died without a will, and a request is made for appointment as administrator. No will is attached. Other concerns include, but are not limited to, the following: there is no accurate proof of publication, it running in the Union Democrat in December but listing a hearing date in October; there is no proffer or waiver of bond; paragraph 8 does not describe how the others are related to decedent; there is no indication whether this is a primary or ancillary probate, and if the former why a by-pass was not considered; there is no non-resident statement; petitioner did not supply the required duties confirmation; there is no notice or proof of service accompanying the petition; and no proposed orders or letters lodged.



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<b>8</b>	<b>PR11254</b>	<b>Conservatorship of Haley M. Merz</b>	11/23/2015
		<b>Darlene Theresa Merz</b>	Pro Per
		<b>Haley Michelle Merz</b>	Attorney: Donald Martell
		<b>Review Hearing - Investigator Report - PR Code 1850</b>	

11/23/2015 Petition: Other  
11/23/2015 Petition

<b>File Tracking</b> 04/24/2024 High Density
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No appearance is necessary.

Per the request of interested persons, Court intends to continue the hearing on this to 04/17/2026 at 10:00 a.m.

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<b>9</b>	<b>PR10808</b>	<b>Guardianship of Chloe M. Brinkman and Caydence J. Brinkman</b>	<b>02/10/2012</b>
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**Sandra L Wood** Pro Per

**William L Wood** Pro Per

**Chloe Brinkman**

**Caydence Jacqueline Brinkman**

**Richard Brinkman** Attorney: Juley Salkeld

**Review Hearing - Guardian Rept-Probate Code 1513.2**

Chloe only - terminate age 18

**10/23/2012 Termination of Guardianship**

<b>File Tracking</b> 03/06/2025 High Density
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Other Cases

FL10907

FL10688

PR10635

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No appearance is necessary.

There being no petition on file to extend the guardianship of CM beyond the ward's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, and the ward having now reached the age of majority, this guardianship is terminated by operation of law.

With regard to CJ, the Court, having received and the reviewed the GC-251, intends to find by a preponderance of the evidence that the guardianship remains necessary and convenient, and that the guardians continue to serve the ward's best interests. Court will set annual review date for 07/30/2027 at 10 am to align with her age of majority as well.

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10 PR11259	Guardianship of Ericka Taylor, et al.		12/08/2015
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Martha Peterson

Robert E Peterson

Ericka L Taylor

Kendra L Taylor

Kimberley Coey

Pro Per

Trina Terradista

Kendra L Taylor

Review Hearing - Guardian Rept-Probate Code 1513.2

11/07/2025 Petition

<b>File Tracking</b>
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04/24/2024 High Density
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Other Cases  
PR12730

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No appearance is necessary.

This hearing is an inadvertent carry-over from the previous annual rotation but with the appointment of a successor guardian that rotation has been adjusted. Instead, a review hearing will be set for May 29, 2026 at 10 am to align with the ward's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.



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12	<b>PR12196</b>	<b>Guardianship of James Cortez</b>	11/22/2022
		<b>Courtney Crawford</b>	Pro Per
		<b>Ruben Cortez</b>	Pro Per
		<b>James Cortez</b>	
		<b>Review Hearing - Guardian Rept-Probate Code 1513.2</b>	

11/22/2022 Petition

<b>File Tracking</b> 04/12/2024 High Density
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No appearance is necessary.

The Court, having received and the reviewed the GC-251, intends to find by a preponderance of the evidence that the guardianship remains necessary and convenient, and that the guardians continue to serve the ward's best interests. Court will set annual review date.



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14 PR12132	Guardianship of Paizley Hope Garcia		06/20/2022
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Sandra Atwater Garcia	Pro Per
Paizely Hope Garcia	Attorney: Jennifer Lothert
Gaylene Larwick	
Brook Allen	Pro Per
North Folk Rancheria of Mono Indians	
Motion Hearing - Visitation	
FURTHER	
Hearing: Other	
FURTHER trial setting	

08/28/2025 Termination of Guardianship

<b>File Tracking</b> 03/16/2026 Cassandra Vigardt
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Other Cases  
FL17797

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No appearance is necessary.

Court intends to grant request by interested parties to continue hearing to 04/10/2026 at 10 a.m.



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16	CV68019	Petition of Chloe Gomez		01/22/2026
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Jamie Carrillo	Pro Per
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Jason Whitmer	Pro Per
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Chloe Gomez	Pro Per
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OSC Hearing - Name Change

01/22/2026 Petition

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Non-confidential proceeding; proof of publication absent.





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<b>19</b>	<b>FL17564</b>	<b>Wendy Tippett Gast and Sean Gast</b>		<b>04/07/2022</b>
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<b>Wendy Tippett Gast</b>	Attorney: Juley Salkeld
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<b>Sean Gast</b>	Attorney: Sally Chenault
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**Wendy Gast**

<b>Wendy Gast</b>	Attorney: Juley Salkeld
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<b>Sean Gast</b>	Attorney: Sally Chenault
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**Pre-Trial Conference**

**Court Trial: Short Cause**

Est. Duration: 4.00 Hours

**04/07/2022** Petition

**04/07/2022** OSC Application

<b>File Tracking</b>
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Other Cases

FL17534

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Trial or settlement conference?