

Superior Court of California, County of Tuolumne
Consolidated Calendar
Hon: Steven Streger

Department 5	May 15, 2026	8:30 am	DA Case #	Date Filed
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1	PR12587	Estate of Betty Jean Baker		01/29/2025
		Terri Garris	Attorney: Tamara Polley	
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		John Kramer	Attorney: Tamara Polley	
		Betty Jean Baker		
		Review Hearing		

01/29/2025 Petition

File Tracking 02/20/2025 High Density

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No appearance is necessary.

The Court, having received and reviewed the TUO-PR-125, intends to find by a preponderance of the evidence that good cause exists to extend the period of administration in this matter. A §12200 review hearing will be set for 09/18/2026 @ 8:30 a.m. Petitioner to give notice.

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3 PR12773

Estate of Charles Clifford Collins, Jr

03/19/2026

Christopher Corbett

Attorney: Jennifer Lothert

Charles Clifford Collins

Letters of Administration

03/19/2026 Petition

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03/24/2026 High Density

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This is the initial hearing on a petition to admit a foreign will to probate, and to issue Letters of Administration with Will Annexed for the petitioning personal representative. The following concerns are noted.

Firat, it appears from a number of recitals contained within the testamentary instrument that the decedent intended for the law of South Carolina to control the meaning and legal effect of his testamentary plan. While this Court is certainly capable of doing the research, it will first fall on counsel for petitioner to advise whether the will can be self-proving under the law of South Carolina, or whether witness affidavits will be required. See CA Probate Code §21103 and SC Probate Code 62-2-503.

Second, there is no proof of publication provided yet to this Court, which his a natural precondition to the relief sought.

Third, the petition indicates a prayer for letters of administration but the proffered will actually nominates petitioner to serve as executor so it seems that letters testamentary would be appropriate. Compare §8420 with §8440. See *Estate of Wardani* (2022) 82 Cal.App.5th 870, 880. Petitioner to advise.

Finally, a nonresident personal representative must have on file a permanent residence disclosure. Probate Code §8573.

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4	PR12469	Estate of Mattew David Thomas		05/13/2024
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Mattew David Thomas

Shelby Thomas

Attorney: Rachel Patton

Review Hearing - Report - Probate Code 12200

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05/13/2024 Petition

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This is the scheduled review hearing on the status of the ongoing administration, pursuant to Probate Code §12201. However, a review of the court file reveals a vacancy where the required §12200 petition or status report is supposed to be. This is the second time that the Court has had to affirmatively ask for an update. Counsel is reminded of the court's authority under §12205 to start cutting statutory fees if this goes on without a good explanation and a reasonable head's up.

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5 PR12786

Estate of Robert Leonard Lippert, III

04/20/2026

Lisa Delacy

Attorney: Carrie McKernan

Robert Leonard Lippert

Petition Hearing - Ex Parte

Transfer of Decedent's Will

04/20/2026 Petition

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04/23/2026 High Density

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No appearance is necessary.

Although the petition cites to the incorrect statutes/rules, the petition nevertheless presents a sufficient basis to trigger the release of the original. The process is fairly straightforward:

Step 1: "Unless a petition for probate of the will is earlier filed, the custodian of a will shall, within 30 days after having knowledge of the death of the testator, do both of the following: (1) deliver the [original] will to the clerk of the superior court of the county in which the estate of the decedent may be administered; and (2) deliver a copy of the will to the person named in the will as executor." Probate Code §8200(a).

Step 2: "If a will has been delivered to [Tuolumne], that court may order the will transferred to [Stanislaus]. A petition for the transfer may be presented and heard without notice, but shall not be granted without proof that a copy of the petition has been [served on everyone in the Stanislaus action]. Certified copies of the petition, any supporting documents, and the order shall be transmitted by [Tuolumne] along with the original will, and these copies shall be filed in [Stanislaus]." Probate Code §8203.

This Court makes no finding, preliminary or otherwise, regarding venue. The only issue before this Court is whether there exists a bona fide probate petition already in play in Stanislaus. Thus, a certified copy of that petition and the order appointing a personal representative with the copy of the will would suffice. This Court will then order the original will released directly to counsel for filing with Stanislaus.

Query: If the sole beneficiary of that estate is a ward in a guardianship of an estate here in Tuolumne (see #12 on calendar this same day), why not just run the estate proceeding here in Tuolumne and save the trouble??

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6	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

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12/24/2024 Petition

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02/11/2025 High Density

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7 CV67962

Megan Gallegos vs. Peter Edward Bippart, MD

01/02/2026

Megan Gallegos

Attorney: James Arrasmith

Peter Edward Bippart, MD

Adventist Health Sonora

Demurrer

to plaintiffs complaint

Law Office representing Adventist Health called to reserve.

filed Demurrer 4/9/26-DG

01/02/2026 Complaint

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01/12/2026 High Density

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This is a personal injury action stemming from alleged medical malpractice. Before the Court this day is a demurrer to the 2nd and 3rd causes of action in the Complaint by co-defendant Hospital, claiming that plaintiff has failed to allege sufficient facts for either the "corporate negligence" or the "negligent hiring/supervision" claims because both of those are covered by MICRA, and therefore "duplicates" of the 1st cause of action for medical negligence.

A demurrer is a legal challenge to the adequacy of a pleading, not a challenge to the validity of the claims themselves. See Greif v. Sanin (2022) 74 Cal.App.5th 412, 426. A general demurrer for failure to state a cause of action must be overruled, if the pleading states, however inartfully, facts disclosing some right to relief. Weimer v. Nationstar Mortgage, LLC (2020) 47 Cal.App.5th 341, 352. The fact that defendant Hospital might be liable for Dr. Bippart's professional services rendered to plaintiff on different theories does not equate with a failure to state. If there is a statute which provides the hospital with damage caps, the day will come when that issue can be addressed, but now is now that time. Moreover, although this Court is aware of some appellate authority suggesting, in dicta, that a demurrer is the proper vehicle for challenging redundant causes of action (see Dickinson v. Cosby (2017) 17 Cal.App.5th 655 at 692, Palm Springs Villas II Homeowners Assn., Inc. v. Parth (2016) 248 Cal.App.4th 268 at 290, and Hailstone v. Martinez (2008) 169 Cal.App.4th 728 at 742), a review of CCP §430.10 fails to reveal any legal authority for sustaining a demurrer to a cause of action on the ground that it is redundant, duplicative, superfluous, or surplusage. Despite the dicta, the issue was squarely, and decidedly, addressed in Blickman Turkus, LP v. MF Downtown Sunnyvale, LLC (2008) 162 Cal.App.4th 858 at 890:

"[Redundancy] is not a ground on which a demurrer may be sustained. (See Code Civ. Proc., § 430.10.) A quarter-century ago the code authorized a motion to strike "irrelevant and redundant" matter from a pleading. (Former Code Civ. Proc., § 453, repealed 1982.) But the parallel provision now empowers the court only to "[s]trike out any irrelevant, false, or improper matter inserted in any pleading." (Code Civ. Proc., § 436, subd. (a).) The elimination of the reference to redundancy may have rested on the irreproachable rationale that it is a waste of time and judicial resources to entertain a motion challenging part of a pleading on the sole ground of repetitiveness. (See Civ.Code, § 3537 ["Superfluity does not vitiate"].)"

Blickman is the controlling authority on the topic, as it is the only appellate opinion to actually analyze the question. Even if duplication was a demurrable offense as defense counsel suggests, the claims are not duplicate until there is a stipulation from the defense that Dr. Bippart was an agent in the course and scope at the time of his alleged negligence. Without that, plaintiff must be allowed to retain a direct liability theory against the Hospital.

Defendant to answer in 10 days.

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8	FL9963	Teresa Houston vs. Matthew C. Nugent	2000000766054	06/08/2010
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Teresa Houston Attorney: Hal Channell

Matthew C Nugent

Dept. of Child Support Services Attorney: Dept. of Child Support Services

Review Hearing - Child Support

FURTHER Arrears - special set due to Respondent's schedule

06/08/2010 OSC Application

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On 04/07/2022, Mother apparently stipulated to giving Father sole physical custody with no set visitation schedule.

On 09/29/2023, the court entered an order obligating Mother to pay Father \$635/month to support one teenage son.

On 05/16/2025, Mother filed a motion in Dept. 2 an RFO seeking a parenting allocation and an adjustment to the support obligation. That has since been denied.

Father:

- Mechanic, Sonora Ford

Mother:

- Unknown employment, \$25k in arrears, liquidation reset to 25%

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11	PR12496	Guardianship of Keani Lima, et al.	07/16/2024
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Maria Dolores Troncoso	Pro Per
Keani Dolores Lima	Attorney: Nathan Nutting
Kira Elizebeth Lima	Attorney: Nathan Nutting
Joseph K Lima III	Pro Per
Review Hearing - Visitation	
FURTHER	

07/16/2024 Petition
07/16/2024 Petition

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Temporary guardianship established with consent of all in October.
Update on Father reunification efforts?
Related to #15

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14 PR12325

In The Matter John Landrum Martin III

09/19/2023

Melissa Hunter Martin

Attorney: James Cilley

John Landrum Martin

Review Hearing -

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Accounting Hearing

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12/18/2025 Petition

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02/14/2025 From Court-Probate on Calendar

Continued hearing to receive/review accounting in conservatorship of estate.

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15	FL16854	Joseph Lima and Lita Lima		11/18/2020
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Joseph Lima	Pro Per
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Lita Lima	Pro Per
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Maria Troncoso	Pro Per
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Motion Hearing - Visitation

FURTHER trailing PR12496

11/18/2020 Petition

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16	FL18741	In Re: Iyla Hyder	09/17/2024
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Imera N. Mathis Pro Per

Sean Hyder

Iyla Hyder

Imera N. Mathis Pro Per

Sean Hyder

Christopher Hyder

Imera N. Mathis Pro Per

Sean Hyder Pro Per

Athena Hernandez Pro Per

Review Hearing

Step Up Plan for Mom/Release of supervised visits

07/18/2025 Request for Order

File Tracking 07/09/2025 High Density

Other Cases
FL18745

Reports from both supervisors appear consistent and positive to bio mom.

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18	PR12690	Guardianship of Victoria Leandra Anderson	08/18/2025
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Chelsea Van Atta

Pro Per

Victoria Anderson

Attorney: Christine Parraz

Appoint Guardian

Temporary Guardianship 6 month rotation

08/18/2025 Petition

08/18/2025 Petition

Other Cases

FL14643

FL12701

File Tracking

10/22/2025 Cassandra Vigardt

Temporary guardianship to be established with structured visits to bio dad (with conditions) and no visits to bio mom.

Court to prep paperwork with assistance from court investigator.

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Petition of Leah Powell

03/09/2026

Leah Powell

Pro Per

OSC Hearing - Name Change

03/09/2026 Petition

File Tracking

03/24/2026 High Density

Nonconfidential name change of minor w/o both parents.
No proof of publication or notice