

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

Department 5	August 7, 2026	8:30 am	DA Case #	Date Filed
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1	PR12773	Estate of Charles Clifford Collins, Jr	03/19/2026
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Christopher Corbett

Attorney: Jennifer Lothert

Charles Clifford Collins

Letters of Administration

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03/19/2026 Petition

File Tracking

03/24/2026 High Density

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This is the continued hearing on a petition to admit a foreign will to probate, and to issue Letters of Testamentary for the petitioning personal representative. At the earlier hearing, this Court surmised from a number of recitals contained within the testamentary instrument that the decedent intended for the law of South Carolina to control – and as such certain requirements must be met for this will to be considered self-proving under that law. See CA Probate Code §21103 and SC Probate Code 62-2-503. Since that time, counsel has secured a notarized statement (not drawn under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California) that the will is original and was properly witnessed by the attorney responsible for its drafting. Under the circumstances, this Court sees no issue with making the preliminary finding that there is sufficient evidence to permit its admission to probate – subject of course to any collateral attack by interested persons (ie, David).

False representation made by Attorney Zalenski in the Michigan case that this Court had already admitted the will and issued Letters, and false representation by responding counsel in Michigan stating that CA not interested.

What is the status of the Michigan action? Hearing held earlier this week to hopefully aid in resolution of jurisdictional issue.

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2	PR12802	Estate of Colleen Ann DiNardo		05/27/2026
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Claudia Mortensen

Attorney: Byron Hales

Colleen Ann DiNardo

Probate Will/Issue Letters

05/27/2026 Petition

File Tracking

06/03/2026 High Density

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No appearance necessary.

This is the initial hearing on a petition to admit a will to probate, and to appoint a personal representative. Although the petition is erroneously styled as one seeking the appointment of "an executor," and is in fact seeking the appointment of an administrator with will annexed, the difference is of no consequence here. All of the procedural and substantive requirements have been satisfied, and the petition with appointment is entitled to favorable treatment. Court will set §§ 8800 and 12200 review dates.

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3 PR12133 Estate of Louis A. Benoit Jr

06/21/2022

Annie Benoit

Louis A Benoit

Laurie Jamison

Attorney: Ronald Hillberg

Final Distribution Hearing

Further

12/26/2023 Report on Status of Administration

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03/25/2025 High Density

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This is a petition to approve the final proposed distribution in the decedent's estate case notoriously anointed as the longest-running, pointlessly delayed probate estate with one single asset. That asset was sold, and the proceeds held at Chase Bank for 2.5 years. During that time, the appointed administrator decided to abdicate her duties and disappear, forcing this Court to replace her. The petition will NOT be approved as presented for the following reasons:

1. In the §12200 report filed 12/26/2023, petitioner advised that the sole asset sold for \$310,000, leaving a net to the estate of \$256,589.99. The current distribution seeks reimbursement to the original administrator of \$17,436.78 to "stall the foreclosure" but there is no explanation as to how this fee reduced the LoanCare or Umpqua balances satisfied through the escrow, and there is no creditor claim in the court file covering this amount. An explanation is required.
2. At the review hearing on 01/05/2024, counsel advised that a petition for final distribution would be on file "in the next 60 days." At the following hearing in March, this Court reminded counsel of §12205, at which time counsel advised that the administrator moved to Utah and went radio silent. A full year was burned with no explanation for where the administrator was, during which time one of the beneficiaries (Louis) died. Perhaps his financial share might have assisted him in those days. Now it seems the former administrator is back in California, but no declaration explains her absence yet she is here seeking a 2/3 statutory fee. An explanation is required.
3. In September of 2023, the administrator deposited \$255,623.05 into a Chase Bank. The petition indicates that "as of July 1, 2025, there remains the exact same amount on deposit. This Court requires current information about the balance, and expects to see a balance which reflects deposit of the original sum into an interest-earning account. See Probate Code §9652; Estate of Gerber (1977) 73 Cal.App.3d 96, 111.
4. The distribution to "The Estate of Louis" is not possible. The distribution must go to his personal representative or successor in interest, or it will escheat to the County. See, e.g., CCP §1441 and Probate Code §§ 7601, 7604, 7663, and 11902.
5. A request for extraordinary fees requires a detailed declaration, and none is attached.

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4	PR12816	Estate of Martha J. Gibbons		06/18/2026
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John Ramsey

Attorney: Brandon Meyer

Martha J. Gibbons

Petition Hearing - Other

Letters of administration

06/18/2026 **Petition**

06/18/2026 **Special Letters**

06/18/2026 **Special Letters**

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07/02/2026 High Density

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This is related to PR12774. Therein the subject property was ordered via succession to the next of kin. Petitioner then realized that an order for succession does not impart to the holder the authority to secure a payoff demand from the decedent's lender (only probate letters will do that). Petitioner elected to open a new case and seek special administrative letters to secure a payoff adjustment amount from the current lienholder on the property. The new petition has a number of "typos" but it appears that petitioner is seeking special administration with limited powers/authority only – which does not require proof of publication. Although it would have been kinder for the lender to cooperate, if this is a HECM loan, there is no federal requirement to comply yet.

Court intends to grant the petitioner.

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5	PR12533	Estate of Vaughn Dale Loflin		10/03/2024
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Dillon Stott

Attorney: Mary McEwen

Vaughn Dale Loflin

Final Distribution Hearing

07/21/2026 Final Distribution

File Tracking

04/04/2025 High Density

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This is the initial hearing on a petition to approve the proposed distribution plan for this intestate estate. The plan is for the petitioner to pay out of pocket all administrative fees/costs, and to convert his due bill plus reimbursements into an ownership interest in the sole estate asset. In other words, petitioner is proposing a §11604 adjustment. Pursuant thereto, "the court may inquire into the circumstances surrounding the execution of, and the consideration for, the transfer, agreement, request, or instructions, and the amount of any fees, charges, or consideration paid or agreed to be paid by the beneficiary. The court may refuse to order distribution, or may order distribution on any terms that the court deems just and equitable, if the court finds either of the following: (1) The fees, charges, or consideration paid or agreed to be paid by a beneficiary are grossly unreasonable. (2) The transfer, agreement, request, or instructions were obtained by duress, fraud, or undue influence." Since there is no consent filed by the heirs at law for this particular adjustment, a hearing will be needed to determine whether petitioner is indeed entitled to a 1/3 interest – and if the heirs would prefer a different repayment option.

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6	PR12808	Estate of Violet Auxilladora Baker		06/11/2026
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James Spencer Re

Attorney: Jason Pink

Violet Auxilladora Baker

Letters of Administration

06/17/2026 Petition

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06/29/2026 High Density

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Special limited administrative powers already issued. No proof of publication for anything greater than limited powers, and not clear if petitioner is seeking full probate ...

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7	PR12805	In re: Barger Pinecrest Cabin Family Trust dated December 8, 2015		06/04/2026
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Stephanie Barger

Attorney: Gary Dambacher

Douglas Petersen

Attorney: Gary Dambacher

Robert Barger

Petition Hearing

Breach of Trust

06/04/2026 **Petition**

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Petition filed.

Response filed.

Discovery needs?

Trial setting ...

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8	PR12796	In re Knapp Revocable Trust of 2002 dated March 13, 2002			05/12/2026
	Sandra Lisius		Attorney: Bryan Andrade		
	Review Hearing				
	Settlement Status				
05/12/2026		Petition		File Tracking 05/15/2026 High Density	

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Status of settlement agreement?

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9	PR12806	In the Matter of Naomi Marie Carper	06/08/2026
		Donovan Abayomi Foreman	Pro Per
		Naomi Marie Carper	
		Determine Succ to Real Property	

06/08/2026 Petition

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This is a bypass petition to determine succession to the decedent's primary residence. The petition cannot be granted as is due to the following questions:

1. Notice was provided to Michael Anderson, whose involvement herein is unclear to this Court;
2. Paragraph 9 is incomplete;
3. There is no evidence provided to show that (a) the residence on McKibbin Drive was decedent's primary residence (the death cert says she resided on Tidwall) or (2) that decedent owns the residence on McKibbin Drive.

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10	PR12818	In The Matter of William Leon Glenn		06/24/2026
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Jackie Ann Eakins	Attorney: Eric Cha
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William Hugh Glenn	Attorney: Eric Cha
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Petition Hearing

to Determine Succession to Primary Residence

06/24/2026 **Petition**

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This is a bypass petition to determine succession to the decedent's primary residence. The petition cannot be granted as is due to the following questions:

1. There is insufficient evidence provided to show that the residence on Casilla Court was decedent's primary residence (the death cert is not in fact included, despite the representation).
2. There is no evidence provided to show that decedent owns the residence on Casilla Court (a deed from 2012, which is also not attached, only shows he owned the property 14 years ago).

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11	CVL68528	Allison Zelesnick vs. Travis Lee Fowler			06/24/2026
		Allison Zelesnick	Pro Per		
		Travis Lee Fowler			
		Order of Examination Hearing			
06/24/2026 Judgment		File Tracking 07/20/2026 High Density			

Debtor exam

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12 PR12809	Conservatorship of Julian Alan Diaz		06/11/2026
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Jose Diaz	Pro Per
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Carmen Diaz	Pro Per
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Julian Alan Diaz

Appoint Conservator - Person

06/11/2026 Petition

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Hearing continued to 09/18/2026 @ 10:00 a.m. in Dept 5.

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13 PR7726	Conservatorship of Melissa R. Stone		03/20/1995
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Michelle J. Stone

Attorney: Jennifer Lothert

Melissa R. Stone

Attorney: Carrie McKernan

Richard Stone

Attorney: Jennifer Lothert

Review Hearing

Accounting 18th

05/22/2026 Petition

File Tracking

12/10/2024 High Density

No appearance is necessary.

There is no proof of service for the 18th accounting on the conservatee's appointed attorney so the matter will be continued to 09/04/2026 at 10:00 a.m. in Dept 5.

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14 PR12800

Conservatorship of Mildred V. Childers

05/21/2026

Edward Jones Trust Company

Attorney: Melisa Recendez

Mildred V. Childers

Edward Jones Trust Company

Attorney: Melisa Recendez

Appoint Conservator - Person and Estate

Perm

Appoint Conservator

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Confirm acceptance of appointment by Brandon Meyer.

Confirm timeline for investigator report.

Confirm whether conservatee's son will be involved.

Probate Code §1821(a)(5) requires petitioner to lodge "a supplemental information form" – commonly referred to as a GC-312.

Probate Code §1822 requires petitioner to show proof of having provided at least 15 days' notice to "the relatives named in the petition at their addresses stated in the petition." Since the proposed conservatee appears to have several children with equal priority for appointment, a nomination to go outside the family (see Probate Code §1811) should be provided.

Probate Code §1890(c) prohibits the entry of an order establishing a general conservatorship based on a lack of capacity to make medical decisions absent a physician's capacity declaration. Petitioner is seeking this (see Para 1.k.). }

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15	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-PRIOR PETITIONER

John Aguilar	Pro Per
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Appoint Guardian

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01/23/2026 Petition

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Further discussion regarding guardianship.

Are we ICWA?

Bio mother consent to guardianship?

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16	PR10912	Guardianship of Micheala Pritchard			03/25/2013
		Mary Ann Pritchard	Pro Per		
		Micheala Ann Pritchard			
		Review Hearing - Guardian Rept-Probate Code 1513.2			
03/25/2013	Petition: Other			File Tracking 09/17/2024 High Density	
03/25/2013	Petition				

No appearance is necessary. The Court, having received and reviewed the GC-251 with attachments, confirms that the guardianship remains necessary/convenient and that the guardians continues to serve the ward's best interests. Annual review date will be aligned with ward's birthday as she is nearing the age of majority.

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17	PR11336	Guardianship of Rylie Douglass		06/22/2016
		Ann Stanfield	Pro Per	
		Raymond Stanfield	Pro Per	
		Rylie Jack Douglass		
		Lauren Morris	Pro Per	
		Review Hearing - Guardian Rept-Probate Code 1513.2		
06/22/2016	Petition: Other		File Tracking 09/17/2024 High Density	
06/22/2016	Petition			

No appearance is necessary. The Court, having received and reviewed the GC-251 with attachments, confirms that the guardianship remains necessary/convenient and that the guardians continues to serve the ward's best interests. Annual review date will be aligned with ward's birthday as he is nearing the age of majority.