

DEPARTMENT FIVE  
JUDGE DAVID E. POWER  
707-207-7310

TENTATIVE RULINGS  
AND  
PROBATE PREGRANTS

**CALENDAR DATE: April 9, 2025**

**ADVISEMENTS**

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**9:00 CALENDAR**

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**IN RE ESTATE OF HAROLD PRESTON MITCHELL, DECEASED  
FPR047236**

First and Final Report of Administrator with Will Annexed, and Petition for Final Distribution and for Payment of Statutory Attorney's Fees and Costs Advanced; Waiver of Administrator's Fee and Waiver of Accounting

**PREGRANT ORDER**

The court finds all notices have been given as required by law. The petition is granted as prayed, except that release of liability and discharge shall be ordered only upon the filing of the *Ex Parte Petition for Final Discharge and Order* once assets are distributed pursuant to Probate Code § 11753.

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**IN RE MATTER OF THE THOMPSON FAMILY TRUST  
PR24-00083**

Petition to Determine Validity of Trust (Cal. Prob. Code §17200)

Response and Opposition to Dennis Jordan's Petition to Determine Validity of Trust (Cal. Prob. Code §17200)

Review After Mediation

**PREGRANT ORDER**

This matter was previously continued from April 3, 2024, May 10, 2024, September 25, 2024, and December 18, 2024 to allow the parties to participate in court sponsored mediation.

Counsel to appear (remote appearances are approved) and shall be prepared to address the following:

Status of mediation and whether the parties were able to reach a settlement.

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**IN RE ESTATE OF BERNARD B. FLANDEZ, DECEASED  
PR24-00504**

First and Final Account and Report of Administrator, and Petition for Final Distribution, for Payment of Costs Advanced, and Waiver of Statutory Fees

**PREGRANT ORDER**

The court finds all notices have been given as required by law. The petition is granted as supplemented, except that release of liability and discharge shall be ordered only upon the filing of the *Ex Parte Petition for Final Discharge and Order* once assets are distributed pursuant to Probate Code § 11753.

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**IN RE ESTATE OF LOIS IRELAND, DECEASED  
PR25-00114**

Petition for Letters of Administration and for Authorization to Administer Under the Independent Administration of Estates Act

PREGRANT ORDER

The court finds all notices have been given as required by law. The petition is granted as prayed.

The court appoints Catherine Ireland as administrator with full authority under the Independent Administration of Estates Act.

Bond is waived.

The court appoints Paul Miller as probate referee.

The personal representative shall file their Inventory and Appraisal within four months of the date letters are issued. **A compliance hearing regarding the filing of the Inventory and Appraisal is set for October 10, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. in Department 5.** The personal representative or their counsel shall attend this compliance hearing. Appearances are excused if the appropriate documents are on file prior to the hearing.

The personal representative shall file either their petition for final distribution or their first status report within 12 months of the date letters are issued. **A compliance hearing regarding the filing and service of the petition or status report is set for June 12, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. in Department 5.** The personal representative or their counsel shall attend this compliance hearing. Appearances are excused if the appropriate documents are on file prior to the hearing.

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**IN RE ESTATE OF RAMON EDWARD BARBER, DECEASED  
PR25-00116**

Petition for Letters of Administration and for Authorization to Administer Under the Independent Administration of Estates Act

PREGRANT ORDER

The court on its own motion continues this hearing to July 11, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in Department 5. Pending the continued hearing, the petitioner shall resolve the following issues:

1. Petition, item 8: The petitioner must include herself on this list and provide her age, address, and relationship to the decedent.
2. Petition, item 8: The predeceased parents' names and dates of death must be provided per the instructions for item 8. (Solano County Local Rules, Rule 7.51(b).)

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**IN RE ESTATE OF PATRICIA EILEEN GORHAM, DECEASED**  
**PR25-00122**

1<sup>st</sup> Amended Petition for Letters of Administration and for Authorization to Administer Under the Independent Administration of Estates Act

PREGRANT ORDER

The court finds all notices have been given as required by law. The 1<sup>st</sup> amended petition is granted as prayed.

The court appoints Sheila Malinowski as administrator with full authority under the Independent Administration of Estates Act.

Bond is waived.

The court appoints Paul Miller as probate referee.

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