

## **TENTATIVE RULINGS: CIVIL LAW & MOTION**

Friday, October 10, 2025 at 8:30 a.m.  
Courtroom 18 – Hon. Kenneth G. English  
**Civil and Family Law Courthouse**  
**3055 Cleveland Avenue**  
**Santa Rosa, California 95403**

The tentative rulings will become the ruling of the Court unless a party desires to be heard. If you desire to appear and present oral argument, **YOU MUST NOTIFY** the Judge’s Judicial Assistant by telephone at **(707) 521-6604**, and all other opposing parties of your intent to appear, **and whether that appearance is in person or via Zoom**, no later 4:00 p.m. the court day immediately preceding the day of the hearing.

**If the tentative ruling is accepted, no appearance is necessary unless otherwise indicated.**

### **TO JOIN ZOOM ONLINE:**

#### **Department 18:**

Meeting ID: **160—739—4368**

Password: **000169**

<https://sonomacourtorg.zoomgov.com/j/1607394368?pwd=aW1JTWIIL3NBeE9LVHU2NVpQIVRUT09>

### **TO JOIN ZOOM BY PHONE:**

By Phone (same meeting ID and password as listed for each calendar):

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Unless notification of an appearance has been given as provided above, the tentative ruling shall become the ruling of the Court the day of the hearing at the beginning of the calendar.

#### **1. SCV-266046, Martin v. Echelon Communities, LLC: Motion to be Relieved as Counsel**

Counsel Chis Chapman of Rudderow Law Group, LLC’s unopposed motion to be relieved as counsel for Defendant Echelon Communities, LLC is **GRANTED**, pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 284(2).

Counsel Chapman declares that Rudderow Law Group, LLC must terminate its representation of Defendant, citing an irreparable breakdown of the attorney-client relationship. Counsel served all parties with notice of the hearing on this motion on September 5, 2025, and there are no other upcoming hearings in this case. Unless oral argument is requested, the Court shall sign the proposed order lodged with this motion.

#### **2. 24CV05115, Looney v. The Palate LLC: Plaintiff’s Motion to Appoint Receiver**

Plaintiff Gary Looney (“Plaintiff”) moves unopposed against Defendants The Palate, LLC (doing business as Lime in the Coconut) and Kevin Rhodes, individually as personal guarantor for The

Palate, LLC, to appoint Landon McPherson as receiver to seize and sell Defendant's California Liquor License number 627949 to satisfy the \$6,061.91 judgment entered December 5, 2024 (the "Judgment"). The unopposed motion is **GRANTED** pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure ("C.C.P.") section 564(b)(3).

Plaintiff was unable to enforce this Court's Judgment and now moves to appoint Mr. McPherson as receiver to take possession of and, if necessary, sell Defendant's California Liquor License number 627949 to satisfy the outstanding Judgment. (Motion, pp. 2–3.) Defendant's license is not subject to any security interests except for obligations under California law. (Motion, p. 2.) Plaintiff provided sufficient notice of the motion's hearing. Defendant has not opposed the motion.

The appointment of Mr. McPherson as receiver is warranted. Defendant has not responded to the complaint, to any post-judgment discovery requests after this Court's order compelling responses, or to any of Plaintiff's efforts to enforce the judgment entered. Mr. McPherson is a consultant broker for CAL ABC License Services and specializes in the acquisition and sale of liquor licenses in California with over 15 years of experience in the field.

As Plaintiff has satisfied the minimum requirements for the appointment of a receiver, Plaintiff's motion is **GRANTED**. The Court appoints Mr. McPherson as receiver to take possession of and, if necessary, sell Defendant's California Liquor License number 627949 to satisfy the \$6,061.91 judgment entered December 5, 2024. Unless oral argument is requested, the Court will sign the proposed order lodged with the Court.

3. **25CV-05055, Casadaban v. Velasquez: Petition for Release of Property from a Claim of Lien**

The petition for release of property from a claim of lien is **CONTINUED** to **Friday, November 14, 2025, at 8:30 a.m.** in Department 18 for Petitioners to properly serve Respondent Jonathan Chavez Velasquez as Petitioners failed to provide a proof of service with their petition.

**\*\*\*This is the end of the Tentative Rulings\*\*\***