**06-03-2025 – Guardianship Calendar Tentative Rulings**

**NOTE: THE JUDICIAL ASSISTANT CANNOT EXPLAIN OR ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THE TENTATIVE RULINGS.**

**Advisements**

1. Court Call is not permitted for this calendar.

2. The tentative rulings set forth below are those of a Court Commissioner appointed by the Presiding Judge to hear all matters on this Calendar. (Cal. Code of Civil Procedure § 259.) A Court Commissioner has the power to hear contested actions and proceedings and act as a temporary judge when otherwise qualified so to act and when appointed for that purpose, on stipulation of the parties litigant. (Cal. Code of Civil Procedure § 259(d).) In the absence of a stipulation of the parties, a Court Commissioner retains the power to hear and determine all uncontested actions and proceedings. (CCP § 259(g).)

3. Parties who do not object to the tentative ruling do not need to appear at the hearing unless the tentative ruling requires an appearance, or another party has requested a hearing. Parties who do not appear will be deemed to have stipulated to the matters at issue being determined by the Commissioner. If there is no appearance on a matter, the tentative ruling shall become the ruling of the Court on the day of the hearing.

4. Any party who does not wish a contested action or proceeding to be determined by the Commissioner or who otherwise wishes to be heard in response to the tentative ruling or to a petition must do the following:

Notify all other parties of an intent to appear for the purpose of responding to the tentative ruling or to request that the matter be heard by a regularly appointed or elected judicial officer; and notify the Commissioner’s Judicial Assistant (707) 521-6547 or, if prompted, leave a brief message which includes the case name and number and identifies the party requesting oral argument or a continuance so the matter may be heard by a regularly appointed or elected judicial officer.

5. Notifications to the court, all attorneys, and all unrepresented parties must be completed no later than 4:00 p.m. on the day immediately preceding the day of the hearing. Failure to provide the required notifications will be deemed an agreement to the adoption of the tentative ruling by the Commissioner. In the absence of the required notifications, oral argument will not be permitted.

**To Join Department 5 “Zoom” Online**

* Use the Zoom video conferencing software application or, alternatively, a web browser of your choice to navigate to the following URL/web address on the World Wide Web: <https://zoom.us/join>

When prompted, enter the following information:

* Meeting ID: 161 844 9166
* Password: **309650**

**To Join Department 5 “Zoom” By Phone:**

* Call 1-669-254-5252 (San Jose) and enter same meeting ID and password as listed above.

**Guide for Participating in Court Proceedings via Zoom for Dept 5:**

* After joining the meeting and checking in with the clerk, **please mute your audio** when not speaking. This helps keep background noise to a minimum.
* **Be mindful of background noise** when your microphone is not muted.  Avoid activities that could create additional noise, such as shuffling papers.
* **Position your camera properly** if you choose to use a web camera. Be sure it is in a stable position and focused at eye level, if possible.  Make sure everything visible in the frame is appropriate for an appearance in court.
* If a confidential session becomes necessary it is incumbent on you to ensure you are able to **participate from a private location** so that unauthorized people cannot overhear or see the proceedings.
* **Chat is enabled**for the sharing of documents among participants and the court and to allow attorneys to communicate individually with each other or their clients only. No chat messages should be sent privately to the court as it would amount to an unauthorized ex parte communication. Neither should chat messages be sent to all participants unless directed by the court.
* **The recording function has been disabled**. Remember, the prohibition against recording court proceedings, even remote ones, remains.
* **Be patient.**  Check in will take more time and the experience from those who have tried this before is that proceedings are a little slower generally.

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1. **Guardianship of Luis A., 25PR00308**

**TENTATIVE RULING:** Appearances are not required. Absent objection, the Petition for Guardianship is GRANTED and the Court will sign the proposed order submitted by Petitioners. The Court waives an investigation under Prob. Code § 1513.

Petitioner/Guardian is directed to file the Confidential Guardianship Status Report, GC-251, within one year and 30 days from the date of the order granting the Petition for Guardianship, and annually thereafter. (Form GC-251 is available at the following URL: <https://www.courts.ca.gov/forms.htm>) To ensure compliance with the requirement of an annual GC-251, this matter is set for Case Management Conference at 9:00 a.m. on July 7, 2026, in Department 5. If the Guardian has at that time filed the required GC-251, an appearance will be waived and a new hearing date shall be set for one year out for the filing of the annual Status Report.

Absent objection, the Request for Special Immigrant Juvenile Findings is GRANTED and the Court will sign the proposed order submitted by Petitioner.

Further advisements which are not part of tentative ruling: If any objections are filed at or before the time of hearing, the Court will not adopt the tentative ruling and will, instead, set the matter for a contested hearing and the parties will be notified by the Court as to when they should next appear.

1. **Guardianship of**  **Arminder S., 25PR00319**

**TENTATIVE RULING:** Appearance are not required. This matter is continued to 9:30 a.m. on July 1, 2025. The purpose of the continuance is to provide Petitioner with additional time to correct the remaining deficiencies noted in the Probate Examiner’s Updated Notes filed on May 29, 2025.

1. **Guardianship of Zoey M., 25PR00340**

**TENTATIVE RULING:** Appearances are not required. Absent objection, the Petition for Guardianship is GRANTED and the Court will sign the proposed order submitted by Petitioners. The Court waives an investigation under Prob. Code § 1513.

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1. **Guardianship of Janet L., 25PR00341**

**TENTATIVE RULING:** Appearances are not required. Absent objection, the Petition for Guardianship is GRANTED and the Court will sign the proposed order submitted by Petitioners. The Court waives an investigation under Prob. Code § 1513.

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Absent objection, the Request for Special Immigrant Juvenile Findings is GRANTED and the Court will sign the proposed order submitted by Petitioner.

Further advisements which are not part of tentative ruling: If any objections are filed at or before the time of hearing, the Court will not adopt the tentative ruling and will, instead, set the matter for a contested hearing and the parties will be notified by the Court as to when they should next appear.

1. **Guardianship of Briseida R., 25PR00358**

**TENTATIVE RULING:** Appearances are not required. Absent objection, the Petition for Guardianship is GRANTED and the Court will sign the proposed order submitted by Petitioners. The Court waives an investigation under Prob. Code § 1513.

**THIS APPOINTMENT IS NOT EFFECTIVE UNTIL LETTERS HAVE ISSUED. Petitioner will need to submit completed Judicial Council Form GC-250 to the clerk of the court for issuance.**

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Absent objection, the Request for Special Immigrant Juvenile Findings is GRANTED and the Court will sign the proposed order submitted by Petitioner.

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1. **Guardianship of Paloma E., SPR091320**

**TENTATIVE RULING:** Appearances are not required. Father’s petition for visitation is DENIED for lack of proof of service on Guardian and any other entitled to notice.

1. **Guardianship of Joseph E., Aiden E., Mason E., SPR097602**

**TENTATIVE RULING:** Appearances required.

1. **Guardianship of Fionna B., Quinn B., 24PR00816**

**TENTATIVE RULING:** Appearances are not required. This matter is continued to 9:30 a.m. on July 1, 2025, in Department 5. The purpose of the continuance is the provide the following: 1) additional time for the Petitioner to serve the minors’ mother with his petition and file proof of service; and 2) additional time for the interested parties to meet and confer as required by Sonoma County Local Rules. Rule 6.2. subsection F.2 and F3 provide as follows:

In the event of any contest or objection to any petition on the probate

calendar, the parties or their respective attorneys shall make a reasonable and

good faith attempt to informally resolve the controversy at a face-to-face

conference, if possible, otherwise by telephone conference, before any

hearing of the contested petition. If such resolution is not possible, then each

party shall file a Statement of Issues as provided in 3, below.

3. Statement of Issues or Settlement

At least seven (7) court days before the hearing, each party shall either (1)

notify the Probate Clerk in the Superior Court Clerk's Office or the probate

department that the controversy has been resolved; or (2) file and serve the

Statement of Issues.

The parties are directed to familiarize themselves with all local rules concerning probate matters in general and guardianship matters in particular as compliance is expected of all litigants whether or not they are represented by counsel.

1. **Guardianship of Samuel A., 25PR00116**

**TENTATIVE RULING:** Appearances are not required. Absent objection, the Petition for Guardianship is GRANTED and the Court will sign the proposed order submitted by Petitioners. The Court waives an investigation under Prob. Code § 1513.

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Absent objection, the Request for Special Immigrant Juvenile Findings is GRANTED and the Court will sign the proposed order submitted by Petitioner.

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**End of Tentative Rulings**