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Hon. Lisa A. Novak

November 6, 2024 - 9:00 AM

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PRO114715-A	CONSERVATORSHIP OF ROBERT LOUIS SIMPKINS	petitioner to file amended letters and orders
Line 1	Conservatee: SIMPKINS, ROBERT LOUIS Proposed Conservator: JOHNSON, CLAUDIA (DURRANS, KATHLEEN A.) Conservator: JOHNSON, CLAUDIA (DURRANS, KATHLEEN A.)	Status Hearing
<p>Tentative Ruling:</p> <p>NO APPEARANCE</p> <p>OFF CALENDAR, purpose of hearing satisfied.</p>		

20-PRO-00499	Conservatorship of Justin Nomikos Spanner	
Line 2	Proposed Conservatee: Spanner, Justin Nomikos Petitioner: Spanner, Cynthia Nomikos (GHOSSEIRI, NAZAR A.) Proposed Conservator: Spanner, Cynthia Nomikos (GHOSSEIRI, NAZAR A.) Conservatee: SPANNER, JUSTIN NOMIKOS Conservator: SPANNER, CYNTHIA NOMIKOS (GHOSSEIRI, NAZAR A.) Father: SPANNER, ROBERT Mother: Spanner, Cynthia Nomikos (GHOSSEIRI, NAZAR A.)	Conservatorship Review - Biennial
<p>Tentative Ruling:</p> <p>NO APPEARANCE</p> <p>The Limited Conservatorship of the person and estate shall continue and be reviewed in two (2) years; The assessment amount of \$850 for the cost of the Court's investigation is ordered and deferred until the Court determines sufficient funds exist.</p>		



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20-PRO-01100	Estate of Eleanore Kermani	The fees and costs of Shahn Kermani and Womble Bond Dickinson, LLP
Line 3	Petitioner: Kermani, Shahn (SKOOTSKY, SETH M.) Decedent: Kermani, Eleanore Personal Representative: KERMANI, SHAHN Proposed Personal Representative: Kermani, Shahn Beneficiary: Sutton, Michelle Kermani (LEE, JAMAY)	Petition Hearing

Tentative Ruling:

APPEARANCE OPTIONAL

The matter is continued to April 21, 2025. The petition for fees is not compliant with CRC 7.701, as it is lacking supporting documentation and specificity. If the Respondent's objection is not withdrawn prior to the next court hearing, meaning the parties have reached an agreement as to fees, the Court will order a formal accounting.

21-PRO-00305	Conservatorship of AHAD SHAIKH	
Line 4	Proposed Conservatee: SHAIKH, AHAD Petitioner: SHAIKH, HINA (ROYCE, GARY) Petitioner: SHAIKH, MUHAMMAD SHOIB (ROYCE, GARY) Conservatee: SHAIKH, AHAD Conservator: SHAIKH, HINA (ROYCE, GARY) Conservator: SHAIKH, MUHAMMAD SHOIB (ROYCE, GARY)	Conservatorship Review - Biennial

Tentative Ruling:

NO APPEARANCE

The Limited Conservatorship of the person shall continue and be reviewed in two (2) years; The assessment amount of \$850 for the cost of the Court's investigation is ordered and deferred until the Court determines sufficient funds exist. Petitioner and Co-Conservator Muhammed Shaikh is directed to attend the next conservatorship class scheduled for December 5, 2024, and file proof of completion no later than January 10, 2025.



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24-PRO-00604	Conservatorship of Doris A Newman	
Line 5	Proposed Conservatee: Newman, Doris A (NGUYEN, JULIETTE D.) Petitioner: Newman, Victoria M. (MARLOWE, JENNIFER C) Proposed Conservator: Newman, Victoria M. Temporary Conservatee: Newman, Doris A (NGUYEN, JULIETTE D.) Temporary Conservator: Newman, Victoria M.	Appointment of Conservator for Person and Estate

Tentative Ruling:

APPEARANCE ORDERED (Zoom allowed)

Parties are ordered to appear and to indicate whether they have come to agreement regarding Independent Counsel’s request for additional orders 1) to provide an allowance for the conservatee and 2) for the conservatee to be allowed to maintain a bank account. After hearing, the court intends to GRANT the petition and make the following orders:

1. A conservatorship is the least restrictive alternative to protect the conservatee and Victoria Newman is appointed conservator of the person and estate of Doris A. Newman.
2. Exclusive medical authority powers under 2355 is granted.
3. The conservator’s request for authority to collect, redirect, and control the conservatee’s mail is granted.
4. Bond be fixed at \$248,000.00.
5. A nonappearance hearing on the conservator’s filing of the following documents is set for February 19, 2025:
 - a) “Determination of Conservatee’s Appropriate Level of Care” (GC-355) – to be filed within sixty (60) days of appointment,
 - b) Level of Care Confidential General Plan (PR-22),
 - c) Inventory and Appraisal (GC-040), and
 - d) Notice of Filing of Inventory and Appraisal and How to Object to the Inventory or the Appraised Value of Property (GC-042)
6. Pursuant to Probate Code §1830, the conservator file a proof of mailing of the Notice of Conservatee’s Rights within thirty (30) days of appointment.
7. The conservator attend conservator education classes and a Proof of Completion be filed with the Court within six (6) months of being appointed conservator.



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- 8. The Court make an order that this conservatorship, absent a judicial finding of hardship, is subject to present and future assessments for the cost of the investigation, pursuant to Probate Code §1851.5. The Court order payment of \$425.00, for the cost of the investigation and report for temporary conservatorship, and \$850.00, for the cost of this investigation and report, from the conservatorship estate to the Superior Court of San Mateo County within ninety (90) days.
- 9. The conservatorship be reviewed in one (1) year.
- 10. Petitioner to provide order conforming to this ruling.

24-PRO-00609	Guardianship of Ian Raziel Pineda Hernandez	
Line 6, 7	Petitioner: Pineda Hernandez, Ian Raziel (ELDER, STEPHANIE) Ward: Pineda Hernandez, Ian Raziel (ELDER, STEPHANIE) Proposed Guardian: Hernandez Valdez, Miguel Angel	Petition for Special Immigrant Juvenile Findings Appointment of Guardian for Person of the Minor

Tentative Ruling:

APPEARANCE ORDERED (Zoom not allowed)

The court intends to grant the request to dispense with notice to the paternal grandfather and to GRANT both petitions and make findings of abandonment.



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24-PRO-00611	Guardianship of HUGO JOSE MARIANO ORDONEZ MEJIA	
Line 8, 9	Petitioner: ORDONEZ MEJIA, HUGO JOSE MARIANO (RIVERA MAUL, JULIANNA) Ward: ORDONEZ MEJIA, HUGO JOSE MARIANO (RIVERA MAUL, JULIANNA) Proposed Guardian: GARCIA CHAVEZ, EDILZAR ABIMAEL	Appointment of Guardian for Person of the Minor Petition for Special Immigrant Juvenile Findings

Tentative Ruling:

PEARANCE ORDERED (Zoom not allowed)

The court intends to GRANT both petitions and make findings of neglect and abandonment only.

24-PRO-01110	Guardianship of JAYMAR JONES	
Line 10	Petitioner: JACKSON, JOHN (Pro Se) Ward: JONES, JAYMAR Proposed Guardian: JACKSON, JOHN	Appointment of Temporary Guardian for Person

Tentative Ruling:

PEARANCE OPTIONAL

The court intends to DENY the petition without prejudice for 1) failure to indicate good cause for a temporary guardianship, 2) failure to provide proof of service or good cause to dispense with notice for the father and mother, 3) failure to provide accurate background information on the confidential screening form, and 4.) failure to provide current consent from either parent. The petition also includes an erroneous date of birth for the minor on page 2. Additionally, the Consent form, GC 211, contains misinformation as to nomination of the proposed guardian. These issues would need to be addressed and an amended petition for temporary guardianship filed. The matter will remain on calendar for the hearing on the General Petition for Guardianship 3/14/2025.



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24-PRO-01206	Estate of Darrell D. Dorfmeier	
Line 11	Petitioner: Trujillo, Elene (COOPERIDER, DAN W.) Decedent: Dorfmeier, Darrell D. Proposed Personal Representative: Trujillo, Elene	Letters of Administration Hearing with ATA
Tentative Ruling: APPEARANCE OPTIONAL The Petition is denied for failure to file signed proof of service of notice of hearing. If such proof is filed before the hearing or presented to the court, then the petition would be GRANTED WITH A NOMINAL BOND SET AT \$20,000 IN COMPLIANCE WITH Local rule 4.25 which requires a nominal bond for a non-resident administrator.		

24-PRO-01209	Estate of Richard Franklin	
Line 12	Petitioner: Muhammad, Tauheedah (Pro Se) Decedent: Franklin, Richard Proposed Personal Representative: MUHAMMAD, TAUHEEDAH	Letters of Administration Hearing with ATA
Tentative Ruling: APPEARANCE OPTIONAL Petition is denied without prejudice. Petitioner must submit an amended petition which clearly identifies the relationship of each person listed in item 8 on page four i.e. either niece or nephew [not both]. Additionally Petitioner must include the name of and relationship of each heir's parent which is related to the decedent, and whether that person is alive or deceased.		



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24-PRO-01210	Estate of Jay Willis McManus	
Line 13	Petitioner: MCMANUS, Michael (Pro Se) Decedent: McManus, Jay Willis Proposed Personal Representative: McManus, Michael	Letters of Administration Hearing with ATA
<p>Tentative Ruling:</p> <p>NO APPEARANCE</p> <p>Petition GRANTED absent cogent objection.</p>		

24-PRO-00469-B	Estate of THOMAS E. MEAKIN	
Line 14	Petitioner: Meakin, James Cameron (ALLEN, JAMES M.) Decedent: MEAKIN, THOMAS E. Proposed Personal Representative: Meakin, James Cameron	Probate of Will and Letters Testamentary Hearing w/ ATA
<p>Tentative Ruling:</p> <p>APPEARANCE OPTIONAL</p> <p>The Petition for Probate of Will and Letters is Granted.</p>		

Hearings Total: 14