

# Superior Court of California County of Yuba

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## Probate Notes for February 2, 2026

The 9:00 Calendar will be heard in Department 4

The probate notes represent staff's recommendations to the Court and are not tentative rulings. If the probate notes indicate that a petition should be granted, no appearance is required at the hearing. The matter will be deemed submitted on the papers. If the Court does not follow staff recommendation, appropriate instructions will be issued.

Frequently, the only defect to a probate petition is the absence of the Proof of Publication, in such instance, if the Proof of Publication is filed by 12:00 p.m. on the Friday before the hearing, the recommendation will be deemed to have been changed to a recommendation that the petition be granted.

If the moving party would like to continue the matter to cure defects showing in the probate notes, he or she may do so by sending an email to [probate@yubacourts.org](mailto:probate@yubacourts.org) no later than 12:00 the Friday before the hearing.. The email is to state the case name and number and indicate a Monday date to which the continuance is requested. If such an email request is timely made, no appearance is required at the hearing and the matter will be continued unless the probate notes indicate that the Court has directed otherwise.

### 9:00 Calendar

**Case Name:** Estate of Earl E. Hickman

**Case #:** PRPB87 10422

**Motion for:** Petition for final accounting and distribution of assets

#### **Recommended Ruling:**

Appearance required.

**Case Name:** Estate of Alfred J. Smith Jr.

**Case #:** PR PB 26 02

**Motion for:** Petition to administer estate

#### **Recommended Ruling:**

Grant if proof of publication is filed.

**Case Name:** Estate of Pamela Abreu  
**Case #:** PR PB 25 163  
**Motion for:** Petition to administer estate

**Recommended Ruling:**

Grant

**Case Name:** Matter of Joe and Irene Chacon Living Trust dated 7/26/96 as amended and restated on 4/27/20

**Case #:** PRPB 25 158

**Motion for:** Petition to: 1 determine invalidity of 4/27/20 Trust restatement; 2. Determine invalidity of 2/24/22 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment as to Irene's share; 3. For determination of character of property and tracing (no transmutation); 4. For damages per PC 859 and undue influence factors; 5. For constructive trust, surcharge and double damages; 6. For accounting and suspension removal of trustee; 7. For PC 850(a)(3)(A) recovery of property; 8; quiet title and cancellation of written instrument (PC 855) 9. For constructive trust and 10. For related relief

**Recommended Ruling:**

Appearance required.