

Superior Court of California

County of Mendocino

Civil Law & Motion or Probate Tentative Ruling for the following:

Case Name: BROWN, KELSEY and HUNTER, TRAVIS vs ROBINSON, RUTH

AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE, ROBINSON, GREGORY

Case Number: 24CV01335

Hearing Date: 10/10/2025

Prior to a Civil Law & Motion or Probate hearing, the Court may issue a tentative ruling (CRC 3.1308). After reviewing the issued tentative ruling, a party may request to present oral argument and must notify <u>both</u> opposing parties and the Court no later than 4:00 p.m. on the court day before the hearing of their intent to appear. Notice to the Court should be sent by e-mail to <u>tr@mendocino.courts.ca.gov</u>. The tentative ruling will become the ruling of the Court if oral argument has not been requested timely. The prevailing party must prepare and submit a proposed order unless an order that is consistent with the tentative decision has been previously lodged (Local Rule 2.6).

Tentative Ruling is as Follows:

Defendants' motion for attorney's fees and costs as prevailing party on anti-SLAPP MOTION

TENTATIVE RULING: The Court has reviewed the moving papers with the declaration of counsel, the opposition and the reply. Defendants are entitled to fees pursuant to CCP §425(c)(1). Based on the Court's thirty-plus years of experience in this legal community, the Court finds the hourly fee charged by defendant's counsel is reasonable. The number of hours devoted to litigating the anti-SLAPP motion is below that usually associated with such motions. An award of attorney's fees shall be entered in favor of defendants in the amount of \$10,465.00. Costs will also be awarded in the amount of 256.00. Plaintiffs shall be ordered to satisfy these amounts within thirty (30) days.