SUPERIOR COURT, STATE OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA

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PROBATE LAW AND MOTION TENTATIVE RULINGS DATE: September 25, 2024 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

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INTRODUCTION

In 2010, Rita Catalano ("Decedent") loaned her daughter, Regina Drysdale ("Respondent") \$300,000 allegedly for the purposes of bridging a gap in funding due to the pending sale of Respondent's real property. Thereafter, Decedent made another loan of \$150,000 to Michelle McCarthy, Decedent's granddaughter and Respondent's daughter. The terms of the loan appear to be in dispute, but it is undisputed that Respondent agreed to pay interest on both loans. Decedent passed away on January 5, 2021.

On October 25, 2022, Petitioners Lisa Boyer and Daniel Catalano ("Petitioners"), trustees of the Rita P. Catalano Trust of 2000, initiated this action by filing a petition to confirm property. In it, they alleged causes of action for (1) financial elder abuse, (2) promissory fraud, (3) conversion, (4) accounting, and (5) declaratory relief. The petition alleges that Respondent failed to pay the interest on the loans and that, as of October 15, 2022, the amount of interest owing was \$161,562.21.

Currently before the court is Respondent's motion for summary judgment or, in the alternative, summary adjudication as to Petitioners' October 25, 2022, petition and each cause of action therein. Petitioners have filed an opposition. Respondent has submitted a reply for filing.

DISCUSSION

I. The Motion Must Be Continued

On Friday, September 20, 2024, at 3:46 p.m., Respondent submitted her reply for filing along with multiple additional documents. The court was not made aware of the reply until Monday, September 23, 2024. In order to permit the court's full consideration of the reply and supporting documents, the court must continue the hearing on the motion.

CONCLUSION

The motion is hereby CONTINUED. The parties are ordered to appear at the hearing on this matter to select a new date for the continued hearing.