

Superior Court of California

County of Merced

Probate Department

**Probate Notes**

Probate Notes for future calendars are available from the time they are created until the morning of the scheduled hearing. Updates to the Probate Examiner's Notes typically will be posted 3 days prior to the hearing. If you are filing documents to cure a technical defect, documents should be filed a minimum of 2 court days prior to the hearing. Documents filed late will not be reviewed except on the date of the hearing at the Judge's discretion and could result in a continuance of your case.

Parties intending to appear in Court regarding their hearing must notify all other parties and call (209) 725-4111 to notify the Court of such intent by 4:00 pm on the day before the hearing.

Contacting the Probate Examiner:

Probate Examiner's email address is: [probate.examiner@mercedcourt.org](mailto:probate.examiner@mercedcourt.org)

Emails must have the case identification information and hearing date/time in the subject line. No attachments will be opened. The Probate Examiner can only respond to inquiries regarding the meaning of comments in the Notes. Please do not email to notify that documents have been filed, to request a confirmation whether documents have been received or to request the clearing of notes. No legal or procedural advice may be given by the Examiner in response to your email.

Questions regarding fees, forms or status of orders should be directed to the Probate Unit of the Clerk's Office at (209) 725-4111 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 pm. and 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., Monday – Friday.

Superior Court of California, County of Merced  
PROBATE CALENDAR  
HONORABLE: Donald Proietti

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DATE: Friday, January 13, 2023  
TIME: 8:15 AM  
Courtroom 10  
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PROBATE CALENDAR

The following tentative rulings shall become the ruling of the court unless a party gives notice of intention to appear as follows:

1. You must call (209) 725-4240 to notify the court of your intent to appear.
2. You must give notice to all other parties before 4:00 p.m. of your intent to object.

Per California Rules of Court, rule 3.1308(a)(1), failure to do both items 1 and 2 will result in no oral argument. **To limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the court encourages remote hearings. Parties who contest the tentative ruling or wish to appear remotely at a hearing must contact the clerk of the Court at (209) 725-4111 to provide their contact information for the remote hearing.**

**CASE#:** 21PR-00118

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Rodolfo Efren Flores

**THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:**

Continued from September 21, 2022 re: Accounting/Trial Setting Conference

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

Appearance required.

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**CASE#:** 21PR-00119

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Rodolfo Efren Flores

**THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:**

Continued from September 21, 2022 re: Accounting/Trial Setting Conference

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

Appearance required.

**CASE#:** 21PR-00141

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Rodolfo Efren Flores

**THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:**

Continued from July 14, 2022 re: Accounting/Trial Setting Conference

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

Appearance required. Counsel to email the Probate Examiner (probate.examiner@mercedcourt.org) for a comprehensive list of Issues/Deficiencies regarding the accounting filed on December 22, 2022 by the Special Administrator.

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**8:30 AM CALENDAR**

**CASE#:** 18PR-00116

**CASE NAME:** In re: Robert F. Flynn 2017 Living Trust established March 28, 2017

**THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:**

Continued from December 8, 2022 re: First Report and Account of Trustee, Petition for Approval of Trustee's Fees and for Instruction Re: Proposed Trust Division and Distribution to Michael Flynn

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

Appearance required.

**CASE#:** 20PR-00150

**CASE NAME:** Estate of James Miller

**THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:**

First and Final Statement of Public Administrator Regarding Summary Disposition of Estate

**THE FOLLOWING ISSUES AND/OR DEFICIENCIES IN THE PAPERS ARE NOTED:**

None.

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

First and Final Statement of Public Administrator Regarding Summary Disposition of Estate is granted.

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**CASE#:** 22PR-00207

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Donna Jean Drennen

**THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:**

Continued from December 2, 2022 re: Petition for Administration

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

Appearance required.

**CASE#:** 22PR-00247

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Donna Jean Drennen

**THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:**

Continued from December 2, 2022 re: Status/ Petition for Administration

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

Appearance required.

**CASE#:** 15PR-00096

**CASE NAME:** Conservatorship of Donna J. Drennen

**THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:**

Continued from December 2, 2022 re: Order to Show Cause re Accounting

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

Appearance required.

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**CASE#:** P26527

**CASE NAME:** Conservatorship of Cathy Marie Talai

**THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:**

Fifth Account and Report of Successor Trustee; Petition for Trustee and Attorney Fees

**THE FOLLOWING ISSUES AND/OR DEFICIENCIES IN THE PAPERS ARE NOTED:**

1. No Notice on beneficiaries and interested persons. Prob Code §17203

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

Appearance required.

**CASE#:** 21PR-00282

**CASE NAME:** Conservatorship of Marlene Knipp

**THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:**

First Accounting

**THE FOLLOWING ISSUES AND/OR DEFICIENCIES IN THE PAPERS ARE NOTED:**

Under Review. Probate Examiner's request to continue hearing.

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

Due to the Court's impacted calendar the Probate Examiner's request to continue the hearing to February 24, 2023 at 8:15 a.m. for additional time to review is granted.

(End of Tentative Rulings)