

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: Monday, September 11, 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. **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#:** 22PR-00219

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Corinne Brierley

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

Continued from March 13, 2023 re: Status Hearing

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

None.

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

No Appearance required. Inventory and Appraisal filed on August 28, 2023. A further Status hearing ensuring the closing of the estate is hereby set for April 8, 2024 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

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**CASE#:** 22PR-00316

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Misty Oakes

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

Petition for Waiver of First and Final Account and Final Distribution; Fee Request

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

None.

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

Petition for Waiver of First and Final Account and Final Distribution; Fee Request is granted.

**CASE#:** 22PR-00379

**CASE NAME:** In Re The David Carlucci 2000 Trust

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

Motion to Compel Compliance with Deposition Subpoena for Production of Business Records

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

None.

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

Appearance required.

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**CASE#:** 23PR-00049

**CASE NAME:** Guardianship of Ryder Merrifield

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

Continued from July 10, 2023 re: Proof of Deposit

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

1. Proof of Deposit has not been filed with the Court as per the Court's April 3, 2023 order.

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

Appearance required.

**CASE#:** 23PR-00269

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Theodore Rios

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

Petition for Letters of Administration with Full IAEA Authority

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

1. What is the relationship of Veronica C. Gutierrez to the decedent?
2. No Notice to all heirs, beneficiaries & executors. Prob Code §8100, §8110
3. Amount of Bond at Court's discretion. Prob Code §8482

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

Hearing is continued to October 9, 2023 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10 for correction of deficiencies.

(End of Tentative Rulings)