

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. The Probate Examiner's Notes typically will be posted 5 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

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 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, status of orders, Zoom links or remote appearances 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.

The following cases are not reflected in the Probate Notes and appearances are required unless previously excused by the Court:

- Guardianships and Conservatorships of the Person
- Minor's Compromise cases before the Probate Court for approval
- Petition for Special Immigrant Juvenile Findings

**Questions involving Guardianships (including SIJF) and Conservatorships of the Person should be directed to the Court Investigators Office at (209) 725-4190.*

Please note no legal or procedural advice can be provided by the Court Investigator's Office.

Superior Court of California, County of Merced
PROBATE/CONSERVATORSHIP CALENDAR
HONORABLE: Mark Bacciarini

DATE: Thursday, August 7, 2025
TIME: 8:15 AM
Courtroom 10

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-00302

CASE NAME: Estate of Carmelita Branco

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from June 26, 2025 re:

1. Petition for Termination of Proceedings and Discharge
2. Continued from May 1, 2025 re: Status Review Hearing

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES AND/OR DEFICIENCIES IN THE PAPERS WERE PREVIOUSLY NOTED:

1. The Petition for Termination filed on May 5, 2025 is incomplete at item #4 and does not provide the Court with any explanation concerning any circumstances that support the request to terminate the administration of the estate. Prob Code §1251(c)

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

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CASE#: 24PR-00371

CASE NAME: Estate of Jean Yook Fong

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Petition for Final Distribution, Report of Administrator on Waiver of Account and Petition for Allowance of Statutory Compensation to Attorney

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

1. A proposed Order has not been lodged. MSC 100 E.

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. The *Petition for Final Distribution, Report of Administrator on Waiver of Account and Petition for Allowance of Statutory Compensation to Attorney* is approved. Counsel to submit a proposed Order. The Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate currently set for December 18, 2025 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10 is confirmed.

CASE#: 25PR-00025

CASE NAME: Estate of Armando Granado

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from March 7, 2025 re: Status on Filing of an Inventory and Appraisal

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

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. Bond was recently posted on July 28, 2025. A Status Hearing ensuring the filing of an Inventory and Appraisal and the Closing of the Estate to be set for September 21, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

CASE#: 25PR-00075

CASE NAME: Estate of Margaret Ann Holmes

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from March 27, 2025 re: Status of Filing an Inventory and Appraisal

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

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. An Inventory and Appraisal was filed on July 7, 2025. A Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate is hereby set for April 30, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

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CASE#: 25PR-00232

CASE NAME: Guardianship of Rylee Thomas, et al.

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Petition for Appointment of Guardian of the Estate

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

1. Notice has not been provided to all relatives in the first and second degree.
Prob Code §§1511 (a)-(c), 1460
2. Additional information is needed to support the request for 2590 powers.
3. Court's discretion concerning the possible requirement of a bond.
Prob Code §2320
4. A proposed Order has not been lodged. MSC 100 E.

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. The hearing to September 11, 2025 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10 for correction of the deficiencies.

(End of Tentative Rulings)