

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, October 23, 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#: 23PR-00375

CASE NAME: In the Matter of the Genaro Ortuno Oregon Minor's Settlement Trust

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Petition for Authority to Purchase a Vehicle

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

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

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

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CASE#: 24PR-00040

CASE NAME: Estate of Robert Duane Cooper

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Administrator's Final Report Upon Waiver of Account and Petition for Order Approving Administrator's Actions and Sale of Real Property, Directing Payment of Statutory Compensation to Administrator and Attorney, Directing Distribution of Estate Then Remaining to Intestate Decedent's Heirs at Law, Exonerating and Discharging Administrator, and Settling the Estate

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

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. The *Administrator's Final Report Upon Waiver of Account and Petition for Order Approving Administrator's Actions and Sale of Real Property, Directing Payment of Statutory Compensation to Administrator and Attorney, Directing Distribution of Estate Then Remaining to Intestate Decedent's Heirs at Law, Exonerating and Discharging Administrator, and Settling the Estate* is approved. A Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate is hereby set for February 18, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

CASE#: 24PR-00200

CASE NAME: Estate of Victor Manuel Loera

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from March 7, 2025 re: Status on Filing of Closing of the Estate

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

1. A Petition for Final Account or Status Report has not been filed.
Prob Code §12200-12201

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required. The Administrator to appear and provide the Court with a current case status.

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CASE#: 25PR-00386

CASE NAME: Estate of Dennis Grant Snapp

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Petition for Probate of Will and for Letters Testamentary with Full IAEA Authority

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

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

The Petition for Letters Testamentary with Full IAEA Authority with no bond required is granted. The decedent's will is admitted into Probate. Probate Referee Michael Wright is appointed. A Status Hearing ensuring the filing of an Inventory and Appraisal is hereby set for March 25, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

(End of Tentative Rulings)