

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: Friday, April 17, 2026
TIME: 8:15 AM and 8:30 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.**

8:15 AM CALENDAR

CASE#: 24PR-00195

CASE NAME: Guardianship of Mason Ly

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from April 3, 2026 re: Petition for Reimbursement of Expenses, Costs and Monthly Payments to Ward's Mother

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

1. An Inventory and Appraisal has not been filed and must be filed prior to any Petition for fees to be paid from the estate. Prob Code §§2610, 2640 ***Corrected**
2. Court's discretion concerning the Guardian's request for reimbursement for payments made to the counsel for services that have not been approved by the Court. Prob Code §2642, CRC 7.751, 7.755(a)
3. Is the monthly Calsrs benefit paid directly to the Guardian or directly deposited into the estate blocked account?
4. As a monthly maintenance are now requested, Court's discretion concerning any bond that may now be required as accountings will need to be filed with the Court. Prob Code §§2320, 2420(c), 2620
5. The proposed Order lodged on 2/2/26 contains a typographical error on page 1, line 24 concerning the amount sought to be reimbursed by the Guardian.

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

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CASE#: 25PR-00344

CASE NAME: Estate of Melissa Sanchez

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from November 14, 2025 re: Petition for Letters of Administration with Limited IAEA Authority

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

1. Petition #2d.(3) does not identify the bank and location in which funds are requested to be placed in a blocked account.
2. Petition #3d is blank and does not provide any information concerning the character and estimated value of the estate property.
3. Petition #3e(3) reflects all adult heirs have waived bond and is missing the referenced Attachment 3e(3). Prob Code §8481
4. Petition #3e(4) reflects the Petitioners are a corporate fiduciary or an exempt government agency.
5. Petition #3g(2)(c) reflects the Petitioners are the decedent's uncle and are different from the relationships identified on page 4 as the decedent's mother and brothers.
6. Petition #5a is blank as to any surviving spouse or children of the decedent.
7. Who is the Trustee and trust beneficiaries of the decedent's trust? A copy of the decedent's trust to be provided.
8. Notice has not been provided to all interested parties including the trustee and trust beneficiaries if applicable.
9. Did the decedent have a will?
10. No Notice to all heirs, beneficiaries & executors. Prob Code §8100, §8110
11. No Proof of Publication with the corresponding signed affidavit.
Prob Code §8121, §8124
12. Duties & Liabilities Acknowledgment signed by each personal representative has not been filed. Prob Code §8404(a)
13. Proposed Letters and Order for Probate has not been lodged.
Prob Code §8006, §8400

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

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CASE#: 25PR-00345

CASE NAME: Estate of Maria Guzman

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from November 14, 2025 re: Petition for Letters of Administration with Limited IAEA Authority

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

1. Petition #3e(3) reflects all adult heirs have waived bond and is missing the referenced Attachment 3e(3). Prob Code §8481
2. Petition #3g(2)(c) reflects the Petitioners are the decedent's brother and are different from the relationships identified on page 4 as the decedent's mother and brothers.
3. Petition #5a is blank as to any surviving spouse or children of the decedent.
4. Attached to the Petition are two contradictory Appointment of Administrator signed by Jesus Guzman as both the "uncle" and "brother" of the decedent.
5. No Notice to all heirs, beneficiaries & executors. Prob Code §8100, §8110
6. No Proof of Publication with the corresponding signed affidavit. Prob Code §8121, §8124
7. Duties & Liabilities Acknowledgment signed by each personal representative has not been filed. Prob Code §8404(a)
8. Proposed Letters and Order for Probate has not been lodged. Prob Code §8006, §8400
9. Bond has not been waived by all beneficiaries. Prob Code §8481

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

8:30 AM CALENDAR

CASE#: 21PR-00282

CASE NAME: Conservatorship of Marlene Knipp

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Accounting

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

1. A Third and Final Accounting has not been filed. Prob Code §§1060-1064, 2620(b), CRC 7.575

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required. Counsel to advise the Court on the filing of the Third and Final Accounting

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CASE#: 22PR-00372

CASE NAME: In the Matter of Doris Schindler

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Second Accounting and Report of Conservator, Petition for Allowance of Fees to Conservator of the Person and Estate, and to the Attorney

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

1. The Petition is not verified. Prob Code §1021
2. Proof of Service filed on 4/1/25 does not reflect the date in which service was effectuated on interested parties. Prob Code §1460

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. The hearing is continued to May 29, 2026 at 8:30 a.m.. in Courtroom 10 for correction of the deficiencies.

CASE#: 24PR-00150

CASE NAME: Estate of Joseph B. Pacheco

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from October 10, 2025 re: Status Hearing ensuring the Filing of an Inventory and Appraisal

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

1. The Declaration of Linzey Pacheco filed on 3/16/26 has not been served on the estate administrator or counsel of record as required by the applicable rules.
CCP §1013a

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. The Status Hearing is hereby continued to July 17, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. in Courtroom 10 for Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate.

(End of Tentative Rulings)