

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](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 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

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DATE: Friday, April 24, 2026  
TIME: 8:15 AM and 8:30 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.**

**8:15 AM CALENDAR**

**CASE#:** 21PR-00336

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Ydalia Perez Rosales

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

Continued from January 16, 2026 re: Status Review Hearing

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

1. A Petition for Final Account or Status Report has not been filed.  
Prob Code §12200-12201
2. Court's discretion concerning possible measures including possible removal to be imposed for failing to file a Status Report or Petition for Final Account and Order for Distribution within the required statutory time. Prob Code §§ 11050, et seq., 12205

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

Appearance required.

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**CASE#:** 24PR-00097

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Mary J. Douglas

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

Continued from April 10, 2026 re: Amended Waiver of Accounting and Report of Administrator, Petition for Final Distribution and Discharge; Status Report

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

None.

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

No appearance required. The Amended Waiver of Accounting and Report of Administrator, Petition for Final Distribution and Discharge; Status Report is approved. A Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate is hereby set for July 23, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

**CASE#:** 25PR-00404

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Analeigh Marie Elizabeth Cinco

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

Continued from November 7, 2025 re: Status Hearing ensuring the filing of 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 March 5, 2026. A Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate is hereby set for December 17, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

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**CASE#:** 26PR-00048

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Robert Earl Brandon Johnson, Sr.

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

Continued from March 16, 2026 re: Second Amended Petition for Letters of Administration with Full IAEA Authority Second Amended Petition for Letters of Administration with Full IAEA Authority

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

1. Second Amended Petition filed on 3/5/26: Second Amended Petition filed on 3/5/26:
  - a. Item #3 is incomplete and missing information
  - b. Item #8 is missing the name of the decedent's child.
2. No Notice to all heirs. Prob Code §§8100, 8110
  - a. Item #3 is incomplete and missing information
  - b. Item #8 is missing the name of the decedent's child.
3. No Notice to all heirs. Prob Code §8100, §8110
4. Bond has not been waived by all beneficiaries. Prob Code §8481
5. No Proof of Publication with the corresponding signed affidavit. Prob Code §§8121, 8124
6. Duties & Liabilities Acknowledgment signed by the personal representative has not been filed. Prob Code §8404(a)
7. Inventory and Appraisal filed on 2/3/26 is incomplete.
8. Court's discretion if a Guardian Ad Litem will be required to represent the minor's interest. Prob Code §1003

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

Appearance required.

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

9. Second Amended Petition filed on 3/5/26:
  - a. Item #3 is incomplete and missing informationItem

**CASE#:** 26PR-00114

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Adrian Quezada

**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. No Notice to all heirs, beneficiaries & executors. Prob Code §8100, §8110
2. No Proof of Publication with the corresponding signed affidavit. Prob Code §8121, §8124
3. Bond has not been waived by all beneficiaries. Prob Code §8481
4. Petition Item #3 – Reflects the estate is estimated in value at \$2,500 but states the estate receives \$482,400 in annual gross income from real property (#3d(2)(a) in which a value has not been provided in item #3d(4) in the Petition.
5. Proposed Letters and Order for Probate has not been lodged. Prob Code §8006, §8400

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

No appearance required. The hearing continued to June 5, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10. Any corrective pleadings to be filed with the Court by the close of business on May 29, 2026.

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### 8:30 AM CALENDAR

**CASE#:** 24PR-00259

**CASE NAME:** Conservatorship of Brenda Faye Merrell

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

Continued from March 20, 2026 re: First Account and Report of Conservator of Person and Estate, Petition for Approval, and Petition for Allowance of Attorney Fees

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

1. The accounting does not reflect a *Schedule G – Liabilities as End of Account Period* reflecting the liabilities owed by the conservatee’s estate. *\*Corrected – 4/9/26*
2. What, if any, safeguards have been implemented to ensure credit lines in the conservatee’s name are not opened or used? *\*Addressed in Declaration by Conservator filed on 4/9/26*
3. The Petition does not include Court Investigation fees of \$450.00 as allowed per Probate Code 1851.5. *\*Court’s discretion.*
4. The Conservator’s “care in exchange for rent” request for approval does not appear appropriate for Probate Court approval as the Conservator appears to have entered into an arrangement that appears to be characteristic of a landlord–tenant agreement. *\*Court’s discretion as the real property was purportedly transferred to the conservatee’s trust and would be subject to the authority of the trustee.*

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

Appearance required.

**CASE#:** 23PR-00319

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Jose M. Arroyo

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

Continued from June 27, 2025 re: Status ensuring the Closing of the Estate

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

1. The Probate case remains pending resolution of the related civil action.

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

No appearance required. The probate case shall remain open pending resolution of the related civil action as that outcome may materially affect the issues before the Court. The Status

Hearing is continued to October 2, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. in Courtroom 10. Counsel to file a Status Report prior to the next hearing date.

(End of Tentative Rulings)