

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, August 8, 2025
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#: 23PR-00464

CASE NAME: Estate of Jaclyn L. Sears

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from June 6, 2025 re: Status Hearing on Waivers of Bond signed by each beneficiary

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

1. Waivers of Bond have not been filed. Prob Code 8481(b) *Corrected

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. The *First and Final Account and Report of Special Administrator and Petition for Its Settlement, For Allowance of Statutory Compensation to Special Administrator and Attorneys and Compensation to Attorneys for Extraordinary Services for Legal Services for Sale of Real Property and for Final Distribution* currently set for October 30, 2025 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10 is hereby confirmed. The Special Administrator's powers are extended until October 30, 2025.

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CASE#: 25PR-00002

CASE NAME: Estate of Gloria Campbell

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from February 7, 2025 re: Status Hearing

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

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. Bond was posted on June 27, 2025 and Letters were issued on June 30, 2025. The Status Hearing is continued to March 25, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

CASE#: 25PR-00281

CASE NAME: Estate of Christopher Ryan Henderson

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 via the *Notice of Petition to Administer Estate* (DE-121). Prob Code §8100, §8110

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

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8:30 AM CALENDAR

CASE#: 23PR-00282

CASE NAME: Conservatorship of Valton Andrew Kuykendall

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from May 2, 2025 re: First Account and Report of Conservator of Person and Estate; Petition for Allowance of Fees to Attorney for Conservator, Dispense with Accounting, and Dispense with the Requirement of a Bond

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

A Supplement to the First Accounting was filed on July 17, 2025 and the case remains under review.

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. On the Court's own motion at the request of the Probate Examiner, the hearing is continued to September 19, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

(End of Tentative Rulings)