

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. Updates to the Probate Examiner's Notes typically will be posted 3 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 notify that documents have been filed, 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 or status of orders 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.

Superior Court of California, County of Merced
PROBATE CALENDAR
HONORABLE: Donald Proietti

DATE: Friday, June 30, 2023
TIME: 8:15 AM, 8:30 AM & 9:30 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. **To limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the court encourages remote hearings. 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#: 18PR-00131

CASE NAME: Estate of Nestor Navarro

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

1. Accounting
2. Petition to Withdraw as Administrator

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

Accounting filed on March 29, 2023 remains under review.

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

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CASE#: 18PR-00345

CASE NAME: Guardianship of Andrea E. Navarro and Sofia C. Navarro

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

1. Petition to Withdraw as Guardian of the Estate.
2. Accounting
3. Order to Show Cause re: Sanctions for Failure to Appear

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

1. Accounting filed on March 27, 2023 is not Probate Code compliant with a corresponding Petition, Schedules and required bank account statements. Prob Code §§1060-1063, §2620, CRC 7.575
2. An Inventory and Appraisal has not been filed. Prob Code §2621
3. A Receipt of Order and Funds for Deposit in Blocked Account (Judicial Council Form MC-356) has not been filed with the Court reflecting the funds were placed in a blocked account as required per the Court's January 16, 2019 order.
4. Notice of the Accounting and Petition to Withdraw has not been provided on any interested parties. Prob Code §§1460, 2621, 2660

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

CASE#: 22PR-00353

CASE NAME: In the Matter of the Stanley M. Cotta and Ethel E. Cotta 2000 Trust

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from May 12, 2023 re: Petition to Terminate the Trust

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

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CASE#: 23PR-00171

CASE NAME: Estate of Ralph Lawrence Robledo

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Petition for Letters of Testamentary with Full IAEA Authority

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

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

Recommend to grant. A Status Hearing to be set concerning the filing of the Inventory and Appraisal to be set for February 7, 2024 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

CASE#: 23PR-00172

CASE NAME: Jovita Mancha

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Petition to Determine Succession to Real Property

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

1. Not all parties who are to acquire the real property have joined in the Petition as required by Probate Code §13152.
2. Court's discretion concerning the locations in which Notice was effectuated for interested parties John Flores, Samuel Flores, Brandy Flores, Maggie Hernandez, Danny Hernandez and Mary Hernandez.

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

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8:30 AM CALENDAR

CASE#: 17PR-00056

CASE NAME: Estate of Jose Ledesma

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from April 21, 2023 re: Status Review and Distribution of Decedent's personal items

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

CASE#: 20PR-00158

CASE NAME: Estate of Robert Alan Hunter

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from April 28, 2023 re: Readiness Conference

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

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CASE#: 20PR-00204

CASE NAME: Estate of Alan Bettencourt

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from May 12, 2023 re: Petition for First and Final Account and Final Distribution; Request for Fees

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

1. Satisfaction/Release of Claim has not been filed by creditor Linda Winfield.

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

9:30 AM CALENDAR

CASE#: 19PR-00023

CASE NAME: Conservatorship of Ronald P. Hamlin, Jr.

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from May 5, 2023 re: Petition for First Accounting; Fee Request

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

(End of Tentative Rulings)