

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, March 27, 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.**

**\*There are no 8:15 matters on calendar for the Probate Examiner's review \***

**8:30 AM CALENDAR**

**CASE#:** 17PR-00056

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Jose Ledesma

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

Continued from February 20, 2026 re: Status Review Hearing

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

None.

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

Appearance required.

**CASE#:** 19PR-00023

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

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

Continued from January 23, 2026

1. Trial Readiness Conference
2. Petition to Terminate the Conservatorship

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

1. Parties have not filed Statement of Issues as ordered by the Court on August 1, 2025.

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

Appearance required.

**CASE#:** 19PR-00308

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Kenneth Wheaton

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

Continued from June 6, 2025 re: Status Review Hearing/Final Accounting

**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

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

Appearance required.

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**CASE#:** 21PR-00146

**CASE NAME:** Conservatorship of Perry Wheaton

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

Continued from January 23, 2026 re: Status Review/Trailing 19PR-00308 Estate of Kenneth Wheaton

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

None.

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

This case is trailing and awaiting the final distribution to be approved from case #19PR-308 Kenneth Wheaton.

**CASE#:** 22PR-00020

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Jose Torres

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

Continued from January 26, 2026 re: Status 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

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

Appearance required. Counsel to update the Court as to the current case status.

**CASE#:** 23PR-00402

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Mark David O'Dell

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

Continued from January 23, 2026 re: Review of Case Status

**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

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

Appearance required. Counsel to provide the Court with a current case status.

(End of Tentative Rulings)