

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](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 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

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DATE: Friday, September 29, 2023  
TIME: 8:15 AM & 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.**

**CASE#:** 22PR-00164

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Kyoung Chang

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

Continued from March 10, 2023 re: Case Status

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

1. A corrected Inventory and Appraisal has not been filed as required by the Court on March 10, 2023.

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

Appearance required.

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**CASE#:** 22PR-00393

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Leopoldo Castro, Sr.

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

Continued from March 13, 2023 re: Status Hearing

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

1. An Inventory and Appraisal has not been filed. Prob Code §8800(b)

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

Appearance required.

**CASE#:** 23PR-00269

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Theodore Rios

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

Continued from September 15, 2023 Re: Petition for Letters of Administration with Full IAEA Authority

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

1. A new proposed Order for Probate reflective of the name and location of the financial institution where funds are to be deposited has not been submitted.

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

Appearance required.

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**8:30 AM CALENDAR**

**CASE#:** 16PR-00204

**CASE NAME:** Conservatorship of Dennis Callahan

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

Continued from September 15, 2023 re: Status

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

1. A proposed Order approving the Fourth and Final Account has not been submitted.

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

Appearance required.

**CASE#:** 18PR-00318

**CASE NAME:** Estate of John P. Souza

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

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

None.

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

Appearance required. Counsel to appear and update the Court as to the case status.

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**CASE#:** 22PR-00023

**CASE NAME:** Conservatorship of Jerry Luna

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

Continued from July 28, 2023 re: Status Review Hearing

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

None.

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

Appearance required.

(End of Tentative Rulings)