

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: Monday, April 13, 2026
TIME: 8:15 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.**

CASE#: 19PR-00084

CASE NAME: Estate of Patricia Ann Scheler

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from October 6, 2026 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) ***Corrected**
 - a. **Does the estate hold a half or full interest in the real property as reflected in the I&A filed on 3/17/26?**
2. A Petition for Final Account or Status Report has not been filed. ***Corrected**
Prob Code §12200-12201

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. An Inventory and Appraisal was filed on March 17, 2026. A Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate is hereby set for November 2, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

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CASE#: 25PR-00324

CASE NAME: Estate of Worth Thomas Vincent

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from October 6, 2025 re: Status Hearing on 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 17, 2026. A Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate is hereby set for November 2, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

CASE#: 22PR-00108

CASE NAME: Estate of Elsa Collins

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Petition on First and Final Account and Final Distribution; Fee Request

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

1. Distributive Receipts and an Ex Parte Petition For Final Discharge And Order (DE-295) have not been submitted. Prob Code §§11753, 12250

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required. The Administrator to advise the Court why the estate has not been closed after more than three years and explain the reasons for the delay.

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CASE#: 23PR-00408

CASE NAME: Estate of Arthur Collins

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from Petition for Settlement of First and Final Account and For Final Distribution, For Allowance of Compensation for Ordinary and Extraordinary Services of Executor, and For Allowance of Ordinary and Extraordinary Attorney's Fees and Reimbursement of Advanced Costs

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

1. What were the actual cash assets held by the estate at the beginning of the account period?
 - a. The decedent's estate was to have received a distribution of \$321,717.85 in cash as per the March 16, 2023 Order for Final Distribution from the estate of the decedent's mother Elsa Collins (#22PR-00108). The Inventory and Appraisal filed on August 12, 2022 and accounting reflect the decedent's estate had a "right to receive" \$289,630.31 from the Estate of E. Collins. Additional information needed concerning the \$31,541.54 difference that was to be distributed to and received by the Estate of Arthur Collins.
2. The accounting does not reflect any proceeds received from the sale of the real property.
3. What is the status of the decedent's IOLTA account? There is a concern that the decedent's IOLTA account has not been accounted.
4. What was the estate's interest in the ranch account? An accounting may be required for the estate's portion as rents were received and expenses paid in an account that the estate had an interest in as reflected by the distribution made to the estate heirs in the "Receipts" filed on September 24, 2025.

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. The hearing is continued to June 1, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10 for correction of the deficiencies.

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CASE#: 23PR-00449

CASE NAME: Estate of Patricia A. Canepa

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Report of Administrator on Waiver of Account and Petition for Its Settlement, For Allowance of Statutory Compensation to Attorneys and For Final Distribution

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

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. The Report of Administrator on Waiver of Account and Petition for Its Settlement, For Allowance of Statutory Compensation to Attorneys and For Final Distribution is approved. A Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate is hereby set for October 12, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

CASE#: 25PR-00266

CASE NAME: Estate of Mohinder Singh

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from October 6, 2025 re: Status of Filing 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 August 25, 2025. A Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate to be set for November 16, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

CASE#: 25PR-00469

CASE NAME:

In the Matter of the W. Coelho 2016 Trust dated December 14, 2016, as amended

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from March 5, 2026 re: Petition with Points and Authority by Trustees to Establish Claim of Trust to Property Ownership, and For an Order Thereon

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

1. Notice has not been provided utilizing the mandatory Judicial Council Form Notice of Hearing on Petition to Determine Claim to Property (DE-115).
Prob Code §§851, 17203 *Corrected

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. The Petition with Points and Authority by Trustees to Establish Claim of Trust to Property Ownership, and For an Order Thereon is approved.

(End of Tentative Rulings)