

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: Monday, April 15, 2024
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#: 22PR-00214

CASE NAME: Estate of Craig Michael Copus

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from November 16, 2023 re: Status Review Hearing

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

1. No Notice to GAL Krista Cecil and counsel Michael Rios McAfee Prob Code §§11000, PC1220
2. A formal Order appointing the GAL as approved by the Court on September 28, 2022 has not been submitted.
3. Proposed Judicial Council Form *Order to Deposit Funds in Blocked Account (MC-355)* to be lodged for each minor beneficiary.

TENTATIVE RULING:

The hearing is hereby continued to May 17, 2024 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10 for correction of the previously noted deficiencies.

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CASE#: 23PR-00293

CASE NAME: Estate of James Walter Harmer

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from March 7, 2024 re: Amended Petition for Letters of Testamentary with Full IAEA Authority

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES AND/OR DEFICIENCIES IN THE PAPERS WERE PREVIOUSLY NOTED CONCERNING THE AMENDED PETITION FILED ON 12/29/23:

1. Notice to beneficiaries not provided utilizing the mandatory Notice of Petition to Administer Estate (Judicial Council form DE-121). Prob Code §§ 8522(b), 8100
**Corrected*
2. Proof of Publication filed on February 2, 2024 is missing paragraph #5 and does not reflect IAEA powers sought by Petitioner. Prob Code §§ 8100, 10451

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

CASE#: 23PR-00312

CASE NAME: Estate of Harold Calvin Petersen

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:

No appearance required. An Inventory and Appraisal was filed on January 29, 2024. A Status Hearing ensuring the closing of the estate is hereby set for November 20, 2024 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

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CASE#: 24PR-00033

CASE NAME: Estate of Dorothy Marie Eichert

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Petition for Letters of Administration with Will Annexed

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

1. Will has not been lodged with the Court. Prob Code §8200

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

(End of Tentative Rulings)