

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: Monday, April 22, 2024  
TIME: 8:15 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#:** 23PR-00208

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Cora Martinez

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

Continued from August 2, 2023 re: Status Review 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. Counsel to provide a status on the filing of an Inventory and Appraisal.

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**CASE#:** 23PR-00251

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Doris Jean Huff

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

Petition for First and Final Report of Executor and Petition for Final Distribution on Account, For Payment of Costs and Statutory Fees to Executor and Attorney and for Reserve

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

None.

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

Petition for First and Final Report of Executor and Petition for Final Distribution on Account, For Payment of Costs and Statutory Fees to Executor and Attorney and for Reserve is approved. A Status Hearing ensuring the closing of the estate is hereby set for June 26, 2024 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

**CASE#:** 23PR-00283

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Jorge Alberto Armenta

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

Continued from October 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. Counsel to provide a status on the filing of an Inventory and Appraisal

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**CASE#:** 23PR-00286

**CASE NAME:** Guardianship of Nubia Armenta

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

Continued from March 11, 2024 re: Review of Case Status

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

None.

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

Appearance required. Case is trailing related probate case #23PR-00283 Estate of Jorge Armenta.

**CASE#:** 24PR-00048

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Flynn A. Epps

**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:**

1. Notice has not been provided to Jan Marie Wong. Prob Code §8110, CRC 7.52
2. Proof of Publication does not comply with Probate Code §8100.
3. Proposed Letters are incorrect as they reflect the Petitioner as both the Executor and the Administrator.

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

Hearing is hereby continued to June 6, 2024 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10 for correction of the deficiencies.

(End of Tentative Rulings)