

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 27, 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#: 25PR-00015

CASE NAME: Estate of Luis Aguilar

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from August 27, 2025 re: Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the estate

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

1. A Petition for Final Account or Status Report has not been filed.
Prob Code §12200-12201

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required. Counsel to advise the Court on the current case status.

(continued on next page)

CASE#: 25PR-00035

CASE NAME: Estate of Martin Calderon Duarte

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from April 6, 2026 re: Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate

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

1. A Petition for Final Account or Status Report has not been filed.
Prob Code §12200-12201 *Corrected – Status Report filed 4/20/26

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. A Status Report was filed on April 20, 2026. The Status Hearing is hereby continued to August 6, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

CASE#: 25PR-00178

CASE NAME: Estate of Margaret Louise Groff

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

First and Final Waiver of Account and Report of Executor, Petition for Final Distribution and Allowance of Statutory Compensation of Attorney's Fees

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

1. A Distributive Receipt has not been filed concerning the 2014 Nissan Altima that was transferred to the beneficiary. Prob Code §11751
2. The Petition is vague as to the remaining assets on hand for distribution to the remaining named beneficiary. CRC 7.550 (b)(4)

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

CASE#: 26PR-00032

CASE NAME: In re: David Holte 2025 Living Trust dated February 18, 2025

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from March 16, 2026 re: Petition for Order Confirming Financial Account as Trust Assets

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

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

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. Absent any Objection, the Court's intention is to approve the Petition for Order Confirming Financial Account as Trust Assets.

(continued on next page)

CASE#: 26PR-00123

CASE NAME: Estate of Giuseppe Castiglione

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Petition for Probate of Will and for Letters Testamentary with Full IAEA Authority

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

1. An Objection and Request for Evidentiary Hearing has been filed by G. Graziano.

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

(End of Tentative Rulings)