

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 29, 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#: 21PR-00344

CASE NAME: Estate of Fredrick Kern, Jr.

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from March 25, 2024 re: Review Status of Settlement

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.

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CASE#: 22PR-00329

CASE NAME: Estate of Deborah L. D'Andrea

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from March 21, 2024 re:

1. Status Hearing
2. Order to Show Cause for Failure to Appear/Sanctions

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 *[Status Report filed on 4/12/24](#)

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

CASE#: 23PR-00036

CASE NAME: Estate of Joann Croft

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from January 24, 2024 re: Status Review Hearing

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

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

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CASE#: 23PR-00040

CASE NAME: Estate of Kenneth G. Baugher

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from March 13, 2024 re: Status Hearing

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

1. A Supplement to the Distributive Receipts for the minor distributee's has not been filed as directed by the Court on March 13, 2024.

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

CASE#: 23PR-00069

CASE NAME: Estate of Phil Brasil

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from March 25, 2024 re:

1. Status Review Hearing
2. Order to Show Cause re: Failure to Appear and Close the Estate

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

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

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

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CASE#: 23PR-00167

CASE NAME: Estate of Ora W. Gurr

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Petition for Settlement, Final Distribution and for Allowance of Compensation for Statutory Services

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

1. Clarification needed if the proposed distribution is to Karen Gurr Mous personally or as the Trustee of the Ora W. Gurr 2003 Living Trust.

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

CASE#: 23PR-00245

CASE NAME: Estate of Barbara Guidotti

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from October 30, 2023 re: Status Review

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.

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CASE#: 23PR-00324

CASE NAME: In the Matter of the J&E Bettencourt Trust Dated February 22, 2002

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from March 18, 2024 re: Status Review Hearing

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

1. An itemization of the reimbursed costs sought by counsel has not been provided.

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

CASE#: 23PR-00334

CASE NAME: Estate of Jason W. Garside

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from November 6, 2023 re: Status Hearing

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

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. An Inventory and Appraisal was filed on December 26, 2023. A further Status Hearing ensuring the closing of the estate to be set on December 9, 2024 at 8:15 a.m.

(End of Tentative Rulings)