

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](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 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

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DATE: Monday, August 11, 2025  
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#:** 20PR-00296

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Albina D. Anderegg

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

Continued from July 28, 2025 re: Status of the Estate

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

1. The Court has received notice from the Bonding company concerning issue with the bond posted by the Executor. The Executrix to provide proof the bond is still valid. CCP §996.310 et seq.
2. An Inventory and Appraisal has not been filed. Prob Code §8800(b)
  - a. **An Inventory and Appraisal was filed on 7/31/25 but does not include the decedent's real property and Statement About The Bond portion is unsigned and reflects in incorrect bond amount.**
3. A Petition for Final Account or Status Report has not been filed.  
Prob Code §12200-12201

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

Appearance required. Administrator to provide the Court with the current status of the decedent's estate and advise the Court of the status of the current bond.

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**CASE#:** 22PR-00081

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Rafael Montes Ferrel

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

Continued from June 25, 2025 re: Status on Closing of the Estate

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

1. An incomplete Distributive Receipt was filed by Brandon Rafael Ferrel which does not include the distribution of the decedent's vehicle. An Ex Parte Petition For Final Discharge And Order (DE-295) has not been submitted reflecting the transfer of the real property to the Brandon Rafael Ferrel. \*Corrected  
Prob Code §§11753, 12250

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

No appearance required. The Status Review Hearing is continued to March 30, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. to allow counsel additional time to file the Ex Parte Petition for Final Discharge with the Court.

**CASE#:** 23PR-00425

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Albert Eric Groth

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

Continued from March 21, 2025 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 advise the Court on the status of filing the Inventory and Appraisal.

**CASE#:** 24PR-00074

**CASE NAME:** Estate of MaryJane Vargas

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

First and Final Report and Account of Personal Representative and Petition for Its Settlement, For Allowance of Compensation to Personal Representative, Fees to the Attorney and For Final Distribution

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

None.

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

*The First and Final Report and Account of Personal Representative and Petition for Its Settlement, For Allowance of Compensation to Personal Representative, Fees to the Attorney and For Final Distribution* is approved. A Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate is hereby set for January 15, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

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**CASE#:** 25PR-00227

**CASE NAME:** In the Matter of Joe Garcia

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

Petition for Order Authorizing Particular Transactions (Probate Code §3101 et seq)

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

None.

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

Appearance required. Absent any Objection, the Court's intention is to approve the Petition for Order Authorizing Particular Transactions.

**CASE#:** 25PR-00236

**CASE NAME:**

In the Matter of the Karen Jean Rowe Revocable Living Trust Dated August 17, 2016

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

Petition for Appointment of Successor Trustee

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

None.

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

Appearance required. Absent any Objection the Court's intention is to approve the Petition for Appointment of Successor Trustee Mitchell Murray Hall with no bond.

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**CASE#:** 25PR-00267

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Lahmber Singh Pabla

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

Spousal Property Petition

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

1. Petition is unsigned , undated and unverified. Prob Code §§1020, 1021
2. The decedent was survived by children who have not been identified in item #9 of the Petition. Prob Code §13651(a)(5)
3. The Petition does not contain allegations necessary to establish the community property claim and how the property passes to the surviving spouse without administration. Prob Code §§13651(a)(3)-(4), 13500
4. Notice has not been proved to all heirs. Prob Code §§13651(a)(5), 13655, 1020

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

No appearance required. The hearing is continued to September 11, 2025 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10 for correction of the deficiencies.

(End of Tentative Rulings)