

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, August 24, 2026
TIME: 8:15 AM
Courtroom 10

PROBATE CALENDAR

Updated 08/21/26 at 3:00 pm

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-00192

CASE NAME: Estate of Karnail Singh Rai

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from July 13, 2026 re: Status on Filing of an Inventory and Appraisal

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES AND/OR DEFICIENCIES IN THE PAPERS WERE PREVIOUSLY 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 filing of an Inventory and Appraisal.

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CASE#: 25PR-00209

CASE NAME: Estate of Antonio V. Galante

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

First and Final Report of Co-Executors on Waiver of Accounting and Petition for Its Settlement, For Allowance of Compensation for Ordinary Services and Costs, and For Final Distribution

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

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. The *First and Final Report of Co-Executors on Waiver of Accounting and Petition for Its Settlement, For Allowance of Compensation for Ordinary Services and Costs, and For Final Distribution* is approved. A Status Hearing ensuring the closing of the estate is hereby set for December 7, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

CASE#: 26PR-00031

CASE NAME: Estate of Janice Sue Jones

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from June 29, 2026 re: Status Hearing ensuring the filing of an Inventory and Appraisal

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

1. An Inventory and Appraisal has not been filed. Prob Code §8800(b) [*Corrected](#)

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. An Inventory and Appraisal was filed on July 1, 2026. A Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate is hereby set for March 29, 2027 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

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CASE#: 26PR-00250

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CASE NAME:

In re: Bernard L. McDaniel III Trust of 2007

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Petition for Order Confirming Title to Trust Assets

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

1. The decedent's Will's tangible-personal-property clause appears to contain an inconsistency by referring to "my daughter" while naming Keith Montanari and Ernest Montanari as beneficiaries. The Will otherwise pours the residue of Decedent's estate into the Trust. As the present Petition seeks a determination concerning the Decedent's interest in real property and its administration by the Trust, the apparent inconsistency is not material to the relief requested.

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required. The recommendation from the Probate Examiner is to grant the Petition for Order Confirming Title to Trust Assets. The recommendation further includes that the Court find that the apparent inconsistency in the Will's tangible-personal-property provision is not material to the requested relief. The Will otherwise devises the residue of Decedent's estate to the Trust, and the present Petition concerns only the administration and disposition of Decedent's interest in the subject real property.

CASE#: 26PR-00275

CASE NAME: Estate of Charles John Hand

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Petition for Probate of Will and for Letters Testamentary

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

1. Please clarify whether the beneficiaries of the trust are the same persons/entities identified as devisees in the Petition for Probate. If not, identify the additional or different trust beneficiaries, specify their interests, and address notice.
Prob Code §24

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

CASE#: PR000050

CASE NAME: Adrian Plantillas 2009 Special Needs Trust

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from June 8, 2026 re:

1. Status of Accounting
2. Petition to Terminate Trust (Probate Code §17201)

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

1. A 7th and Final Accounting has not been filed.

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required. Counsel to advise the Court on the status of filing the 7th Accounting.

(End of Tentative Rulings)