

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 3, 2026
TIME: 8:15 AM
Courtroom 10

PROBATE CALENDAR

Updated 7/31/26 at 10 am

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#: 24PR-00090

CASE NAME: Estate of Hazel Stultz

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from June 1, 2026 re: Status on Closing of 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. Counsel to appear and advise the Court on the current case status.

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CASE#: 24PR-00303

CASE NAME: Estate of Jesse R. Mayo

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from March 12, 2026 re: Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate

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

1. An Ex Parte Petition For Final Discharge And Order (DE-295) has not been submitted.
Prob Code §12250

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. The Status Review Hearing is hereby continued to October 29, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10 to allow counsel additional time to file the appropriate Ex Parte Petition for Final Discharge with the Court.

CASE#: 24PR-00339

CASE NAME: Estate of Thomas Sugioka

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from January 26, 2026 re: Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate

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)
 - a. *I&A filed on 12/24/25 is blank at items #1 & 2 on the first page. *Newly noted for the 1/26/26 hearing
2. 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.

CASE#: 24PR-00437

CASE NAME: Estate of Raymond Garavito

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

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

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

1. An Ex Parte Petition For Final Discharge And Order (DE-295) has not been submitted.
Prob Code §11753

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required. The Executor to appear and inform the Court on the current case status.

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CASE#: 25PR-00191

CASE NAME: Estate of Hwa-Suk Coryea

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Petition for Final Distribution on Waiver of Account, First and Final Report of Administrators, and Petition for Compensation of Statutory Fees and Costs to Attorney

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

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. The *Petition for Final Distribution on Waiver of Account, First and Final Report of Administrators, and Petition for Compensation of Statutory Fees and Costs to Attorney* is approved. A Status Hearing Ensuring the Closing of the Estate to be set for December 2, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10 to be confirmed.

CASE#: 25PR-00243

CASE NAME:

In the Matter of the Norma B. Bacal Revocable Living Trust, dated March 30, 2019

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from June 8, 2026 re: Case Status

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

1. Petitioners' Request for Dismissal as to the Petition to Compel Actions by Trustee and To Remove Trustee filed June 10, 2025, was entered on July 7, 2026. The remaining pending matter: *Trustee's First Account Current of Trust and Reservation of Right to Request Trustee Fees* filed on October 17, 2025 has not been served on any trust beneficiaries. See Prob. Code, §§16062, 16063, 17203

TENTATIVE RULING:

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

CASE#: 26PR-00198

CASE NAME:

In the Matter of the Mario Medeiros Special Needs Trust, dated January 20, 1994

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Petition for Removal of Co-Trustee

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

1. Notice has not been provided to trust beneficiary Mario Medeiros as required by Probate Code §17203. ***Corrected**
2. Objection filed by A. Novak on 7/28/26. ***Newly noted**

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

(End of Tentative Rulings)