

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 31, 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#: 24PR-00144

CASE NAME: Estate of Melissa St. Antoine

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

First and Final Report and Account; Request for Final Distribution; Request of Payment of Statutory Fees

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

Under review.

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. Due to the Court's impacted calendar additional time is needed to review the accounting. The Court on its own motion hereby continues the hearing to October 15, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

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CASE#: 25PR-00045

CASE NAME: Estate of William DeGallery, Jr.

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from June 25, 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

TENTATIVE RULING:

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

CASE#: 25PR-00232

CASE NAME: Guardianship of Rylee Thomas, et al.

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from May 15, 2026 re: Petition for Appointment of Guardian of the Estate

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

1. Notice has not been provided to all relatives in the first and second degree.
Prob Code §§1511 (a)-(c), 1460 *Notice remains deficient as to B. Spiva (relative in the 1st degree).
1. Additional information is needed to support the request for 2590 powers. *Declaration filed 9/11/25
2. Court's discretion concerning the possible requirement of a bond.
Prob Code §2320
3. A proposed Order has not been lodged. MSC 100 E. *Lodged 9/11/25

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. This case is trailing case #24PR-00144 Estate of Melissa St. Antoine. On the Court's own motion the hearing is continued to October 15, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

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CASE#: 26PR-00103

CASE NAME:

In re the 2012 Richard D. Baxter and Geraldine Baxter Revocable Trust, dated October 23, 2012

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from May 14, 2026 re: First Amended Petition for Instructions; Petition to Compel Trustee to Account

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

1. Notice of the Amended Petition filed on 6/26/26 is deficient as the Amended Petition was not been served on all interested parties 30 days before the hearing. Prob Code §17203, CRC 7.53 **Corrected*

TENTATIVE RULING:

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

CASE#: 26PR-00289

CASE NAME: Estate of Robert H. Baiz

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Petition for Probate of Will and for Letters of Administration with Will Annexed

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

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. The Petition for Probate of Will and for Letters of Administration with Will Annexed is granted. No bond is required. The Decedent's will is hereby admitted into Probate. Probate Referee Michael Wright is appointed. A Status Hearing ensuring the filing of an Inventory and Appraisal is hereby set for February 1, 2027 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

(End of Tentative Rulings)