

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, December 1, 2025
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-00104

CASE NAME: Estate of Ernest Felipe Roque

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from June 23, 2025 re: Status on Closing of the Estate

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

1. Court's discretion whether the submitted copies of checks will suffice as sufficient documentation the Creditor's Claims have been properly satisfied.

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

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CASE#: 24PR-00258

CASE NAME: Estate of Maria Cisneros

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from April 7, 2025 re: Status of 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#: 24PR-00312

CASE NAME: Estate of Richard Gilbert Douglas

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from June 20, 2025 re: Status Ensuring the filing of an Inventory & 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)

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required. Counsel to advise the Court on the filing of an Inventory and Appraisal.

CASE#: 24PR-00339

CASE NAME: Estate of Thomas Sugioka

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from June 20, 2025 re: Status Ensuring the filing of an Inventory & 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)

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required. Counsel to advise the Court on the filing of an Inventory and Appraisal.

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CASE#: 24PR-00386

CASE NAME: Estate of Marilyn Frances Gorman

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from July 30, 2025 re: Status Hearing on Closing of the Estate

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

1. Distributive Receipts and an Ex Parte Petition For Final Discharge And Order (DE-295) have not been submitted. Prob Code §§11753, 12250

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. The Status Review Hearing is continued to March 16, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10 allowing counsel additional time to file the appropriate Distributive Receipts and Ex Parte Petition for Final Discharge with the Court.

CASE#: 25PR-00277

CASE NAME:

In the Matter of Armand R. Flores and Regina M. Flores Revocable Living Trust, dated January 22, 1992

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from October 9, 2025 re: Petition for Order Confirming Real Property as Trust Assets (Probate Code §850)

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

1. Notice has not been provided utilizing mandatory Judicial Council form *Notice of Hearing on Petition to Determine Claim to Property* (DE-115). Prob Code §851 [*Corrected - Filed 10/15/25](#)
2. Additional information is needed about where the trust's day-to-day activities are conducted when the Trustee resides in Ventura County and the subject property is in Tulare County. Prob Code §17002 [*Declaration filed 10/15/25](#)

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

(End of Tentative Rulings)