

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: Mason Brawley

DATE: Monday, December 22, 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#: 25PR-00039

CASE NAME: Estate of Eugenie Mary Kucirek

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Report of Administrator; Waiver of Account and Petition for Order: 1. Approving Report of Administrator; 2. Approving Attorney's Compensation and 3. For Final Distribution

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

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. The *Report of Administrator; Waiver of Account and Petition for Order: 1. Approving Report of Administrator; 2. Approving Attorney's Compensation and 3. For Final Distribution* is approved. A Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate is hereby set for April 27, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

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CASE#: 25PR-00397

CASE NAME:

In re: The Kay Koehn Trust Dated October 18, 2017

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Petition for Order to:

1. Compel Accounting;
2. Compel Information;
3. Remedy Breach of Trust;
4. Remove Trustee;
5. Appoint Successor Trustee

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

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

CASE#: 25PR-00457

CASE NAME: Estate of Ana Lowery

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Petition for Letters of Administration with Limited IAEA Authority

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

1. Court's discretion if a Guardian Ad Litem is to be appointed on behalf of the minor children.

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

CASE#: 25PR-00462

CASE NAME: Estate of James Truman Owens

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Petition for Letters of Administration with Full IAEA Authority

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

1. No Proof of Publication with the corresponding signed affidavit.
Prob Code §8121, §8124

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. The hearing is hereby continued to February 2, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10 for correction of the deficiency.

(End of Tentative Rulings)