

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](mailto: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

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DATE: Monday, February 23, 2026  
TIME: 8:15 AM  
Courtroom 10  
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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#:** 19PR-00267

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Kevin Allen Logan

**THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:**

1. Continued from October 10, 2025 re: Final Accounting
2. First and Final Account and Report of Administrator and Petition for Its Settlement, and Petition for Final Distribution, For Allowance of Payment to Attorneys for Reimbursement of Costs Incurred

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

None.

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

No appearance required. Absent any Objection, the Court's intention is to approve the *First and Final Account and Report of Administrator and Petition for Its Settlement, and Petition for Final Distribution, For Allowance of Payment to Attorneys for Reimbursement of Costs Incurred*. A Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate is to be set for May 20, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

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**CASE#:** 24PR-00159

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Patricia Ellis

**THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:**

Continued from November 3, 2025 re: Status of 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 advise the Court on the current case status.

**CASE#:** 24PR-00353

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Sandra Barker

**THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:**

Continued from January 5, 2026 re: Status of 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 advise the Court on the current case status.

**CASE#:** 24PR-00425

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Della Martinez Avina

**THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:**

Trial Readiness Conference

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

Appearance required

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**CASE#:** 24PR-00499

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Della Martinez

**THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:** Trailing case #24PR-00425

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

Trailing case #24PR-00425 Estate of Della Martinez (Spousal Property Petition)

**CASE#:** 24PR-00437

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Raymond Garavito

**THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:**

Continued from January 5, 2026 re: First and Final Report of Executor and Petition for Final Distribution on Waivers of Account and Waiver of Statutory Compensation to Executor

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

1. Additional information is needed concerning Raymond Phillip Garavito who is not identified in the decedent's will: [\\*Addressed in Declaration filed on 1/20/26](#)
  - a. What is the age of the child?
  - b. Was the omitted child born after the execution of the will?
  - c. If born before execution, does the executor have any reason to know why the decedent did not identify the child in the will? For example, was decedent unaware of the birth of the child, or did decedent believe the child was dead?
  - d. If the child is an adult, does the executor have any reason to know that the child lacks capacity?
2. Waivers of Account have not been submitted by each named beneficiary.  
Prob Code §10954, CRC 7.550 [\\*Corrected – filed 1/20/26](#)
3. A proposed Order has not been lodged. MSC 100 E. [\\*Corrected – lodged 1/20/26](#)

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

No appearance required. The *First and Final Report of Executor and Petition for Final Distribution on Waivers of Account and Waiver of Statutory Compensation* is approved. A Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate to be set for May 6, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

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**CASE#:** 24PR-00491

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Socorro Rodriguez Buendia

**THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:**

Continued from June 16, 2025 re: Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate

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

None.

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

No appearance required. A Status Report was filed on February 13, 2026 providing the Court with a current case status. The Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate is hereby continued to September 9, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

**CASE#:** 25PR-00091

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Rafael Raymundo Diaz

**THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:**

Continued from November 3, 2025 re: 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.

**CASE#:** 25PR-00397

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

**THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:**

Continued from December 22, 2025 re: Further Proceedings/Status of the Accounting

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

None.

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

Appearance required.

(End of Tentative Rulings)