

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: Donald Proietti

DATE: Monday, January 12, 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#: 16PR-00391

CASE NAME: In the Matter of Yeimi Palomares Anguiano Special Needs Trust

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Petition for Fifth Trust Account and Report of Trustee; Request for Fees

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

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

The Petition for Fifth Trust Account and Report of Trustee; Request for Fees is approved.

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CASE#: 23PR-00396

CASE NAME: Estate of Antonio Vasquez Lopez

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from July 7, 2025 RE: Status Hearing re: 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 provide the Court with a current case status.

CASE#: 24PR-00005

CASE NAME: Estate of Donald E. Green

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from September 17, 2025 re: Status on 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 April 20, 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-00346

CASE NAME: Estate of Lisa McLean Aris

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from July 7, 2025 re: Status of Filing an Inventory and Appraisal

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

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. An Inventory and Appraisal was filed on July 17, 2025. A Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate is hereby set for July 27, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

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CASE#: 24PR-00509

CASE NAME: Estate of Thelma Snyder

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

1. Continued from October 15, 2025 re: Trial Setting Conference re: Petitioner Michael M Riley's Successor Trustee of Beverly P. Riley 1994 Trust, 850 Petition for Return of Trust Property
2. Petition for Determine Entitlement to Distribution; Fraud, Exemplary Damages; Attorney's Fees; Surcharge of Administrator

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

1. **850 Petition for Return of Trust Property:**
 - a. No Proof of Service for the *850 Petition for Return of Trust Property* filed by Michael M. Riley, Successor Trustee. Prob Code §§851(a), 1220
 - b. No Proof of Service has been filed for the Demurrer filed on August 6, 2025 by Administrator Earl Kerns. CCP §1013a. **Corrected*
2. **Petition to Determine Entitlement to Distribution....:**
 - a. No service on persons who requested special notice. Prob Code §1252(a)
 - b. No service to any additional heirs who are known to the Petitioner as having an interest in the estate and would be affected by the petition. Prob Code §11701(b) & (c)

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

(End of Tentative Rulings)