

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, July 13, 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-00387

CASE NAME: Estate of Robert Allen Jackson

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Petition for Allowance of Compensation to Attorney's for Ordinary Services, Allowance of Compensation to Administrator, Reimbursement for Costs Advanced by Attorneys and for Final Distribution

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

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. The Petition for Allowance of Compensation to Attorneys for Ordinary Services, Allowance of Compensation to the Administrator, Reimbursement of Costs Advanced by Attorneys, and for Final Distribution is to be addressed at the conclusion of the administration as submitted by the Public Administrator's Office. The Court's intention is to defer any ruling on the Petition for Compensation by the former Administrator until the conclusion of the case as submitted by the Public Administrator's Office. The currently set July 24, 2026 hearing at 8:30 a.m. in Courtroom 10 is confirmed.

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CASE#: 24PR-00355

CASE NAME: Estate of Mike G. Ybarra, Jr.

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from April 29, 2026 re: Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate

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

1. The Petition for Final Account filed on April 29, 2026 is not Probate Code compliant as it improperly combines final distribution and discharge, and does not provide sufficient detail supporting the final account/distribution requested. The Petition also omits or insufficiently states the distributees' identities and addresses, the intestate relationship of the heirs, and the character of the asset, and whether the required DHCS notice under Probate Code section 9202 given. Prob. Code §§ 1062 -1064, 9050, 9054, 9202-9203, 10585, 10586, 11640, 11751, 11753, 12200, 12201, CRC 7.403, CRC 7.651, CRC 7.652(a)
2. The Petition for Final Account has not been set for hearing with appropriate notice of the hearing to each known heir and devisee whose interest would be affected and other persons entitled to notice. Prob. Code §§ 11250, 10951, 11701

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance is required. The Status Hearing is hereby continued to October 12, 2026, at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10. Any corrective pleadings shall be filed and served no later than October 2, 2026. The Administrator is strongly encouraged to seek knowledgeable legal counsel to address the noted deficiencies and to ensure compliance with applicable provisions of the Probate Code.

CASE#: 24PR-00470

CASE NAME: Estate of Steven Griffin

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from June 1, 2026 re: Status Hearing ensuring the 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 *Corrected

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. The hearing on the Petition for Approval of First and Final Report of Administrator; Approval of Statutory and Extraordinary Fees and Reimbursement of Costs; for Final Distribution on Waiver of Accounting currently set for October 12, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10 is hereby confirmed.

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CASE#: 25PR-00171

CASE NAME: Estate of Sarah F. Hobbs

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from March 19, 2026 re: Status Hearing ensuring the 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. An Ex Parte Petition for Final Discharge has not been filed. The Status Hearing is continued to October 19, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10 to allow counsel additional time to file the Ex Parte Petition for Final Discharge.

CASE#: 25PR-00192

CASE NAME: Estate of Karnail Singh Rai

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from March 30, 2026 re: Status on 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-00202

CASE NAME: Estate of Lois L. Bentley

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from November 13, 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. The Court has noted there is a proposed pending sale of the estate's real property. The Court on its own motion hereby continues the Status Hearing to December 2, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

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CASE#: 25PR-00259

CASE NAME: Estate of Macrina Medina

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from March 25, 2026 re: Status Hearing ensuring the 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. An Ex Parte Petition for Final Discharge has not been filed. The Status Hearing is continued to October 19, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10 to allow counsel additional time to file the Ex Parte Petition for Final Discharge.

(End of Tentative Rulings)