

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:

DATE: Monday, July 21, 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#: 20PR-00003

CASE NAME: Estate of Fred Mishler, Junior

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from April 3, 2025 re: Status 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. On the Court's own motion the hearing is continued to October 20, 2025 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10 to allow the Administrator additional time to file the appropriate Distributive Receipts and Ex Parte Petition for Final Discharge with the Court.

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CASE#: 24PR-00176

CASE NAME: Estate of Natena Hernandez

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

First and Final Report of Administrator and Petition for Final Distribution on Account, For Payment of Costs and Statutory Fees to Attorney and Administrator, and for Reserve

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

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. The *First and Final Report of Administrator and Petition for Final Distribution on Account, For Payment of Costs and Statutory Fees to Attorney and Administrator, and for Reserve* is approved. The Status Hearing on Closing of the Estate currently set for September 10, 2025 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10 is confirmed.

CASE#: 25PR-00021

CASE NAME: Estate of Bryan Matthew Van Worth

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from February 24, 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 May 14, 2025. A Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate is hereby set for March 23, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

CASE#: 25PR-00244

CASE NAME: Estate of Helen Sue Avila

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:

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. The Petition for Letters of Administration with Full IAEA Authority with no bond required is granted. Probate Referee Michael Wright is appointed. A Status Hearing ensuring the filing of an Inventory and Appraisal is hereby set for December 11, 2025 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

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CASE#: 25PR-00246

CASE NAME: Estate of Scott William Porter

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:

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. The Petition for Letters of Administration with Full IAEA Authority with no bond required is granted. Probate Referee Michael Wright is appointed. A Status Hearing ensuring the filing of an Inventory and Appraisal is hereby set for December 11, 2025 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

CASE#: 25PR-00249

CASE NAME: Estate of Heriberto M. Zuniga

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. New proposed Letters and Order for Probate to be lodged with the Court reflecting the correct spelling of the decedent's name.

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. The Petition for Letters of Administration with Full IAEA Authority with no bond required is granted. Probate Referee Michael Wright is appointed. A Status Hearing ensuring the filing of an Inventory and Appraisal is hereby set for December 11, 2025 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

(End of Tentative Rulings)