

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 27, 2026
TIME: 8:15 AM
Courtroom 10

PROBATE CALENDAR

updated on 7/24/26 at 11:30 am

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#: 23PR-00147

CASE NAME: Estate of James Young-Merrifield

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from June 15, 2026 re: Status Review Hearing

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 appear and advise the Court on the current case status.

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CASE#: 24PR-00346

CASE NAME: Estate of Lisa McLean Aris

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from January 12, 2026 re: Status Hearing ensuring the 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:

No appearance required. Counsel to advise the Court on the current case status.

CASE#: 25PR-00078

CASE NAME: Estate of Magdalena M. Luque

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from March 30, 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. The Status Review Hearing is continued to October 28, 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#: 25PR-00191

CASE NAME: Estate of Hwa-Suk Coryea

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from November 17, 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 hearing on the *Petition for Final Distribution on Waiver of Account, First and Final Report of Administrators, and Petition for Compensation of Statutory Fees and Costs to Attorney* currently set for August 3, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10 is hereby confirmed.

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CASE#: 25PR-00209

CASE NAME: Estate of Antonio V. Galante

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from February 9, 2026 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 *First and Final Report of Co-Executors on Waiver of Accounting and Petition for Its Settlement, For Allowance of Compensation for Ordinary Services and Costs, and For Final Distribution* currently set for hearing on August 24, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10 is hereby confirmed.

CASE#: 25PR-00247

CASE NAME: Estate of Alan Hensher

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from February 6, 2026 re: Status Hearing Ensuring the Filing of an Inventory and Appraisal

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

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. Bond was not posted until April 7, 2026, and Letters were not issued until April 7, 2026. Due to this delay, the Status Hearing regarding the Inventory and Appraisal is continued to September 21, 2026, at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

CASE#: 26PR-00242

CASE NAME: Estate of Robert Freeman Crites

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Probate of Letters of Will and For Letters Testamentary 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 ***Corrected**

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. The Petition for Letters Testamentary with full IAEA Authority with no bond is granted. The decedent's will to be admitted into probate. Probate Referee Michael Wright is appointed. A Status Hearing ensuring the filing of the Inventory and Appraisal is hereby set for January 4, 2027 at 8:15 am in Courtroom 10.

(End of Tentative Rulings)