

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, June 2, 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#: 24PR-00057

CASE NAME: Estate of Gregoria M. Cosio

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from November 14, 2024 re: Status on Filing on 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 Administrator on Waiver of Account and Petition for Waiver of Compensation to Administrator for Allowance of Ordinary Statutory Compensation to Attorney; for Final Distribution currently set for hearing on July 28, 2025 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10 is confirmed.

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CASE#: 24PR-00205

CASE NAME: Estate of Peggy Ann Betancourt-Borgman

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Petition for Final Distribution on Waiver of Accounting, and for Allowance of Statutory Attorney's Fees; Report of Administrator

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

1. Request for Special Notice and two Creditor's Claims have been filed by the California Franchise Tax Board on 3/24/25 and 4/14/25 that remain unaddressed.

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. The hearing is continued to July 23, 2025 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10 for correction of the deficiency.

CASE#: 24PR-00243

CASE NAME: Estate of Darryl Grant Crain

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from March 20, 2025 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 status of filing an Inventory and Appraisal.

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CASE#: 25PR-00064

CASE NAME: Estate of Delbert Keith Moss

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from April 23, 2025 re: Trial Setting Conference

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

- 1. Competing Petition filed on March 18, 2025 by Michael Moss:**
 - a. No Proof of Publication with the corresponding signed affidavit.
Prob Code §8121, §8124
 - b. Proof of Service reflecting Notice to all heirs is deficient with only 5 days' notice.
Prob Code §8100, §8110
- 2. Amended Petition filed on April 8, 2025 by Cameron Jantz and Lonnie Moss:**
 - a. No Notice to all heirs, beneficiaries & executors. Prob Code §8100, §8110
**Corrected – filed 4/23/25*
 - b. Petitioner Cameron Jantz is now identified as a non-biological grandson. Who is the parent of Cameron Jantz? Was the Petitioner legally adopted?

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required. Counsel to advise the Court on the current case status.

CASE#: 25PR-00178

CASE NAME: Estate of Margaret Louise Groff

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Petition for Probate 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

TENTATIVE RULING:

(End of Tentative Rulings)