

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](mailto: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

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DATE: Monday, June 23, 2025  
TIME: 8:15 AM  
Courtroom 10  
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PROBATE CALENDAR

**\*Updated 6/20/25 at 2 pm\***

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-00155

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Stella Serrano Flores

**THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:**

1. Continued February 10, 2025 re: Status Review Hearing re: Closing of the Estate
2. Petition for Termination of Proceedings and Discharge of Personal Representative

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

1. Proof of Service filed on May 23, 2025 reflecting service of a *Status Report ensuring closing of the Estate* and does not reflect notice provided of the *Petition for Termination of Proceedings and Discharge of Personal Representative*.  
Prob Code §§12251, 1220 *\*Acknowledgment of Receipt and Waiver of Notice filed 6/12/25*

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

Appearance required. Absent any Objection the Court's intention is to grant the Petition for Termination of Proceedings and Discharge of Personal Representative.

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**CASE#:** 24PR-00090

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Hazel Stultz

**THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:**

Continued from December 2, 2024 re: Status on 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. Executor to appear and advise the Court on the current case status.

**CASE#:** 24PR-00103

**CASE NAME:** Estate of John Ruiz

**THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:**

Continued from May 23, 2024 re: Status on 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 appear and advise the Court on the current case status.

**CASE#:** 24PR-00104

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Ernest Felipe Roque

**THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:**

Continued from November 21, 2024 re: Status on 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 advise the Court on the status of closing of the estate.

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**CASE#:** 24PR-00229

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Jenny Lee Ashcroft

**THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:**

First Amendment to First and Final Report of Administrator and Petition for Final Distribution on Waiver of Account; Payment of Statutory Fees to Attorney; Payment of Costs/Reimbursements; Reserve; Other Orders on Later Acquired or Discovered Property

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

1. A proposed Order has not been lodged. MSC 100 E. **\*Corrected**

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

No appearance required. The *First Amendment to First and Final Report of Administrator and Petition for Final Distribution on Waiver of Account; Payment of Statutory Fees to Attorney; Payment of Costs/Reimbursements; Reserve; Other Orders on Later Acquired or Discovered Property* is approved. Counsel to submit a proposed Order. A Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate is hereby set for October 1, 2025 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

**CASE#:** 24PR-00502

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Kim Brian Kahl

**THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:**

Continued from January 22, 2025 re: Status of Filing an Inventory and Appraisal

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

1. An Inventory and Appraisal has not been filed. Prob Code §8800(b)

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

Appearance required.

**CASE#:** 25PR-00206

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Margaret Marlene Taylor

**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. No Proof of Publication with the corresponding signed affidavit.  
Prob Code §8121, §8124 **\*Corrected**

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

No appearance required. The Petition for Letters of Administration with Full IAEA Authority with no bond required is granted. Probate Referee Micheal Wright is appointed. A Status Hearing ensuring the filing of an Inventory and Appraisal is hereby set for December 4, 2025 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

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**CASE#:** 25PR-00209

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Antonio V. Galante

**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. Is the decedent's son under a conservatorship? Prob Code §1210, CRC 7.51(c)

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

Appearance required.

(End of Tentative Rulings)