

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, June 8, 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#: 24PR-00061

CASE NAME: Estate of Jeanne Elizabeth Wimbley

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

First and Final Account and Report of Executor and Petition for:

1. Settlement Thereof;
2. Payment of Statutory Executor's Commissions and Attorneys' Fees
3. Authority to Hold Reserve and
4. Final Distribution

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

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

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. Absent any Objection, the Court's intention is to approve the *First and Final Account and Report of Executor and Petition for: Settlement Thereof; Payment of Statutory Executor's Commissions and Attorneys' Fees; Authority to Hold Reserve and Final Distribution.* Counsel to submit a proposed Order. A Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate is hereby set for October 5, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

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CASE#: 24PR-00307

CASE NAME: Estate of Catherine Mary Smith

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from January 26, 2026 re: Status 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:

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

CASE#: 24PR-00379

CASE NAME: In the Matter of the Jesus Munoz, Jr. Special Needs Trust

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from January 16, 2025 re: Accounting

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

1. Bond has not been posted as required per the Court's order on 1/16/25.
2. A First Accounting has not been filed.

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required. Counsel to advise the Court on the status of the posting of the required bond, status of the case and first accounting.

CASE#: 25PR-00243

CASE NAME:

In the Matter of the Norma B. Bacal Revocable Living Trust, dated March 30, 2019

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from May 4, 2026 re: Case Status

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES AND/OR DEFICIENCIES IN THE PAPERS WERE PREVIOUSLY NOTED:

1. *Objection to the Petition to Compel Actions by Trustee; and To Remove Trustee* was filed on August 15, 2025
2. *First Account Current of Trust and Reservation of Right to Request Trustee Fees* has not been served on all beneficiaries. Prob Code §17203

TENTATIVE RULING:

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

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CASE#: 25PR-00462

CASE NAME: Estate of James Truman Owens

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from February 2, 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. An Inventory and Appraisal was filed on March 3, 2027. A Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate is hereby set for at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

CASE#: PR000050

CASE NAME: Adrian Plantillas 2009 Special Needs Trust

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from March 23, 2026 re: Status of 7th Accounting

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

1. A 7th and Final Accounting has not been filed.

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. The hearing is continued to August 24, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10 to allow counsel additional time to file the 7th and Final Accounting.

(End of Tentative Rulings)