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, March 16, 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-00060

CASE NAME: Estate of William Ernest

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:
Petition for Final Distribution on Waiver of Accounting, and Waiver of Executor's Statutory Compensation

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES AND/OR DEFICIENCIES IN THE PAPERS ARE NOTED:
None.

TENTATIVE RULING:
The *Petition for Final Distribution on Waiver of Accounting, and Waiver of Executor's Statutory Compensation* is approved. A Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate is hereby set for July 6, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

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CASE#: 24PR-00269

CASE NAME: Estate of Jean Gibson Willis

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:
Continued from November 19, 2025 re: Status on 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 July 8, 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-00361

CASE NAME: Estate of Irene Campos

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:
Continued from October 10, 2025 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 December 15, 2025. A Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate to be set for November 9, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10. If the estate is not in a position to be closed, counsel to file a Status Report providing the Court with a current case status.

CASE#: 25PR-00365

CASE NAME: Estate of Alexandria Suzanne Marquez

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:
Continued from October 10, 2025 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 December 12, 2025. A Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate is hereby set for November 9, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

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CASE#: 26PR-00032

CASE NAME: In re: David Holte 2025 Living Trust dated February 18, 2025

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:
Petition for Order Confirming Financial Account as Trust Assets

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

1. Notice has not been provided utilizing mandatory Judicial Council form *Notice of Hearing on Petition to Determine Claim to Property* (DE-115). Prob Code §851

TENTATIVE RULING:
No appearance required. Recommend continuing the hearing to April 27, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10 for correction of the deficiency.

CASE#: 26PR-00048

CASE NAME: Estate of Robert Earl Brandon Johnson, Sr.

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:
Second Amended Petition for Letters of Administration with Full IAEA Authority

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

1. Second Amended Petition filed on 3/5/26:
    a. Item #3 is incomplete and missing information
    b. Item #8 is missing the name of the decedent's child.
2. No Notice to all heirs. Prob Code §8100, §8110
3. Bond has not been waived by all beneficiaries. Prob Code §8481
4. No Proof of Publication with the corresponding signed affidavit.
   Prob Code §8121, §8124
5. Duties & Liabilities Acknowledgment signed by the personal representative has not been filed. Prob Code §8404(a)
6. Inventory and Appraisal filed on 2/3/26 is incomplete.
7. Court's discretion if a Guardian Ad Litem will be required to represent the minor's interest. Prob Code §1003

TENTATIVE RULING:
No appearance required. The hearing is continued to April 24, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10. The Petitioner is urged to seek appropriate legal advice.

(End of Tentative Rulings)