

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, March 17, 2025  
TIME: 8:15 AM  
Courtroom 10  
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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#:** 16PR-00346

**CASE NAME:** In the Matter of the Isabel E. Moreno Minor's Trust

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

Amended Second Account and Report of Trustee and Petition to Approve Fees to Thomas Day in Preparation of Amended Second Account

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

Under review.

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

The hearing on the *Amended Second Account and Report of Trustee and Petition to Approve Fees to Thomas Day in Preparation of Amended Second Account* currently set for March 17, 2025 at 8:15 a.m. to be continued and heard on Friday, March 21, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. to be heard at the Public Administrator's designated calendar.

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**CASE#:** 23PR-00083

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Juan U. Garcia

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

Continued from February 3, 2025 re: Petition and Report on Waiver of Account for Final Settlement, For Waiver of Statutory Commission, for allowance of Statutory Attorney Fees, and Final Distribution

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

1. Distribution of Assets does not comply with the Probate Code intestate succession to include the decedent's father Leo Estrada Garcia.  
Prob Code §§240, 6400 et seq.
2. Proof of Service reflecting notice to all heirs has not been filed.  
Prob Code §§11000, 1220

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

Appearance required.

**CASE#:** 23PR-00269

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Theodore Rios

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

Continued from November 20, 2024 Re: Status Hearing 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 provide a current case status.

**CASE#:** 23PR-00348

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Elias Vargas

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

Continued from November 20 2024 re: Petition for Final Accounting and Distribution

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

1. A Petition for Final Account has not been filed by February 10, 2025 as previously ordered by the Court on November 20, 2024.  
Prob Code §12200-12201

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

Appearance required.

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**CASE#:** 23PR-00423

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Delores Macias Gonzales

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

Continued from July 8, 2024 re: Status Hearing 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 provide the Court with a current case status.

**CASE#:** 23PR-00465

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Rachel Gonzalez

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

Continued from January 28, 2025 re: Petition for Final Distribution on Waiver of Account, First and Final Report of Administrator, and Petition for Compensation of Statutory Fees and Costs to Attorney

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

1. Creditor's Claim filed by DHCS has not been addressed using the mandatory Allowance or Rejection of Creditor's Claim (Judicial Council Form DE-174). Probe Code §9250 and CRC 7.401. [\\*Corrected](#)
2. Is there any pending agreement with DHCS concerning the proposed payment of the Creditor's Claim? Wel & I C §14009.5(a)(3) [\\*Addressed in 11/4/24 Declaration](#)
3. Copy of the cancelled check to DHCS has not been provided to the Court.

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

Appearance required.

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**CASE#:** 24PR-00024

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Norwood Norton Strange, Jr.

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

Continued from February 5, 2025 re: Petition for Settlement of First and Final Account with Waivers, Final Distribution, Allowance of Compensation for Ordinary Services to Administrator, and Allowance of Compensation for Ordinary Services to Attorney

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

1. What is the final disposition of the estate's real property and 2016 GMC pickup?  
\*Corrected 3/7/25
2. Petition does not reflect any actions taken without court approval under the Independent Administration of Estates Act (IAEA). CRC 7.250(a) \*Corrected 3/7/25
3. Notice with the attached Proof of Service is unsigned by the party who effectuated service. \*Corrected – 2/3/25
4. No Proof of Service filed reflecting service of the Amended Petition on all heirs and interested parties. Prob Code 11000, 1220, CRC 7.53

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

Appearance required.

**CASE#:** 24PR-00297

**CASE NAME:**

In the Matter of The Farnham Family Trust – Revocable Living Trust dated May 17, 2006

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

Petition for Order Confirming Real Property as Trust Assets

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

Recommend to approve the Petition for Order Confirming Real Property as Trust Assets.  
Counsel to submit a proposed Order.

(End of Tentative Rulings)