

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 23, 2026  
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#:** 24PR-00104

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

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

Continued from December 1, 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 May 27, 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.

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**CASE#:** 25PR-00011

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Romulo Sotelo Estrada

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

Continued from July 14, 2025 re: Status Hearing 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 on the current case status.

**CASE#:** 25PR-00021

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Bryan Matthew Van Worth

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

Continued from July 21, 2025 re: Status Hearing 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 on the current case status.

**CASE#:** 25PR-00359

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Rogelio Vargas

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

Continued from October 6, 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 November 12, 2025. A Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate to be set for November 30, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

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**CASE#:** 25PR-00427

**CASE NAME:**

In re: The Linda Decarlo 2020 Revocable Trust dated June 1, 2020

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

Petition for Settlement of First Accounting of Trustee

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

Under review.

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

No appearance required. The hearing is hereby continued to May 7, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10. Any Objections to the Accounting are to be filed and served by the close of business on Wednesday, April 22, 2026.

**CASE#:** PR000050

**CASE NAME:** Adrian Plantillas 2009 Special Needs Trust

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

Continued from February 4, 2026 re:

1. Amended Sixth Report of Successor Trustee and Petition for Approval of Account, For Approval of Trustee's Fees and For Authorization to Pay Fees of Trustee's Attorney
2. Petition to Terminate Trust (Probate Code §17201)

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

***As to the Amended Sixth Accounting:***

1. The Petition is missing the referenced Exhibit C.
2. A proposed Order has not been lodged. MSC 100 E.

***As to the Petition for Termination:***

1. How will the termination affect any potential Medi-Cal or other creditor claims?

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

Appearance required.

(End of Tentative Rulings)