

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 9, 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#: 23PR-00286

CASE NAME: Guardianship of Nubia Armenta

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from March 2, 2026 re:

1. Further Proceedings
2. Temporary Restraining Orders

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

1. The minor has now attained the age of majority. A Probate Code compliant accounting to be filed and appropriately noticed for hearing/approval. The accounting should account for all assets/interest in assets belonging to the ward's estate during the Guardianship period. Prob Code §2620, 2627

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

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CASE#: 24PR-00251

CASE NAME: Geraldine Jones Prine

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Report on Waiver of Account, Petition for Allowance of Compensation to Attorneys for Ordinary Services, For Waiver of Compensation to Executors for Ordinary Services, For Allowance of Reimbursement to Attorneys for Costs Advances, For Allowance for Trustee to Pay Expenses out of the Trust Corpus, For Final Distribution and Petition to Determine Title to Real Property

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

1. Clarification needed concerning the correct APN for the Van Clief property that differs from the recorded Grant Deed (xx-xxx-01) and APN reflected in the Inventory and Appraisal (xxx-xxx-034) *Declaration filed 1/7/26
2. The following documents are needed as they relate to the Probate Code §850 portion of the Petition:
 - a. Any and all Inventory and Appraisals filed in case #19064 – Estate of William M. Jones *Declaration filed 1/7/26
 - b. Testamentary Will and any other related Trust documents belonging to William M. Jones *Declaration filed 1/7/26
 - c. Copy of the Geraldine Jones 1990 Trust dated January 24, 1999.
3. What, if any, interest did the decedent hold in Jones Farms (fka Jones Turkey Ranch)? *Declaration filed 1/7/26
4. Exhibit G - The legal description in the Judgment does not match the legal description for the properties recorded with APN: xx-xxx-01 and APN: xxx-xxx-034 as reflected in Exhibits E & F and the I&A filed on 7/28/25. This appears to be a different property than the property sought in the 850 Petition. *Newly noted for the 3/9/26 hrg

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

CASE#: 25PR-00092

CASE NAME: Estate of Barbara Joan Gann

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

First and Final Report of Executor on Waiver of Accounting and Petition for Its Settlement, For Allowance of Compensation and For Ordinary Services and Costs, and For Final Distribution

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

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. The *First and Final Report of Executor on Waiver of Accounting and Petition for Its Settlement, For Allowance of Compensation and For Ordinary Services and Costs, and For Final Distribution* is approved. The Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate currently set for May 11, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10 is confirmed.

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CASE#: 25PR-00133

CASE NAME: Estate of Sandra Yvette Anaya

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from October 27, 2025 re: Status Hearing

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

1. The Administrator has not posted \$250,000 bond as ordered by the Court on October 27, 2025. Prob Code §8480

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

(End of Tentative Rulings)