

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, November 17, 2025
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-00086

CASE NAME: Estate of Benjamin Soza

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from October 9, 2025 re: First and Final Waiver of Account and Report of Administrator, Petition for Final Distribution and Allowance of Statutory Compensation of Attorney's Fees

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

1. The Petition does not include information as to any sales, purchases or exchanges of assets. CRC 7.550 (b)(2). **Corrected*
2. The Petition reflects statutory compensation calculated based on a \$40,000 loss to the estate. Notice of Proposed Actions filed with the Court reflects the estate may have received a \$40,000 gain when estate properties were sold which would have a possible effect on the statutory compensation requested. **Corrected*
3. Notice has not been provided to all heirs. Prob Code §§11000, 1200 **Corrected*
4. A new proposed Order delineating the specific monetary amounts for each distributee to be lodged. **Corrected*

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. Recommend to approve the Amended First and Final Waiver of Account and Report of Administrator, Petition for Final Distribution and Allowance of Statutory Compensation of Attorney's Fees. A Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate to be set for March 16, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

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CASE#: 25PR-00191

CASE NAME: Estate of Hwa-Suk Coryea

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from June 16, 2025 re: Status on 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 September 8, 2025. A Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate is hereby set for July 27, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

CASE#: 25PR-00394

CASE NAME: Estate of Silvia Esparza Vera

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Petition to Determine Succession to Primary Residence

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

1. Petition reflects decedent's date of death as 9/22/25 but attached Death Certificate reflects date of death as 9/22/22.
2. Petition to Determine Succession to Primary Residence may be the incorrect procedure to assert a community property claim on the subject real property. Prob Code §13650
3. The Inventory and Appraisal filed on 9/29/25 is improper and does not contain an appraisal by the Probate Referee Michael Wright.
4. A proceeding for the administration of the decedent's estate is pending in case #23PR-00228 Estate of Silvia Esparza Vera.
5. Proof of Service has been on 9/29/25 reflecting notice to parties effectuated by an interested party to the estate. CCP §1013a.

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. The hearing is continued to December 12, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. in Courtroom 10 to be heard with the pending related case #23PR-00228 Estate of Silvia Esparza Vera.

(End of Tentative Rulings)