

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, September 28, 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-00090

CASE NAME: Estate of Hazel Stultz

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from August 3, 2026 re: Status on Closing of the Estate

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

1. A Petition for Final Account or Status Report has not been filed.
Prob Code §12200-12201
2. Court's discretion concerning possible measures to be imposed for failing to file a Status Report or Petition for Final Account and Order for Distribution within the required statutory time. Prob Code §§ 11050, et seq., 12205

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

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CASE#: 24PR-00353

CASE NAME: Estate of Sandra Barker

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

1. *First and Final Report of Administrator on Waiver of Account and Petition for Final Distribution and for Statutory Fees for Attorneys and Reimbursement of Costs*
2. Continued from July 6, 2026 re: Order to Show Cause re: Sanction for Failing to Appear

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

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. The *First and Final Report of Administrator on Waiver of Account and Petition for Final Distribution and for Statutory Fees for Attorneys and Reimbursement of Costs* is approved. A Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate is hereby set for January 4, 2027 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10. Upon the filing the appropriate distributive receipts and Ex Parte Petition for Final Discharge the Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate will be vacated and the pending Order to be Show Cause discharged.

CASE#: 24PR-00379

CASE NAME: In the Matter of the Jesus Munoz, Jr. Special Needs Trust

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from July 20, 2026 re: Accounting

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

1. Bond/Accounting Deficiency: The order approving establishment of the Special Needs Trust entered on January 16, 2025 required the trustee to post bond and file periodic accountings. The record does not reflect that the trustee has filed the required bond or any accounting since approval of the trust. The Special Needs Trust remains subject to the court's continuing jurisdiction and supervision. Prob. Code, § 3604, subd. (a)

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

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CASE#: 26PR-00198

CASE NAME:

In the Matter of the Mario Medeiros Special Needs Trust, dated January 20, 1994

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from August 3, 2026 re: Trial Readiness Conference

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

1. No proof of service has been filed demonstrating service of Respondent's July 28, 2026 Objection or her and counsel's supporting Declarations on Petitioners, the co-trustees, the beneficiary, or other appearing parties. Prob Code §1000; CCP §§1013, 1013a

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

CASE#: 26PR-00344

CASE NAME: Estate of Victor Robert McEowen

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Petition for Probate of Will and for Letters Testamentary with Full IAEA Authority

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

1. No Proof of Publication with the corresponding signed affidavit.
Prob Code §8121, §8124
2. Please clarify whether the beneficiaries of the trust are the same persons/entities identified as devisees in the Petition for Probate. If not, identify the additional or different trust beneficiaries, specify their interests, and address notice.
Prob Code §24

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

(End of Tentative Rulings)