

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 10, 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#: 23PR-00283

CASE NAME: Estate of Jorge Alberto Armenta

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from October 30, 2025 re:

1. Further Proceedings
2. First and Final Report of Administrator and for Final Distribution and Petition for Allowance of Statutory Compensation to Attorney for Ordinary Services

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

1. The proposed distribution of the real property to the minor brings some concern and questions:
 - a. It is unclear who will be in possession and control of the real property [*Addressed in Supplement filed on 8/18/25](#)
 - b. Is there any existing mortgage owed on the real property [*Addressed in Supplement filed on 8/18/25](#)
 - c. How are any tax obligations or other real property expenses to be handled [*Addressed in Supplement filed on 8/18/25](#)
 - d. How will the real property be titled/recorded [*Addressed in Supplement filed on 8/18/25](#)
2. A proposed Order has not been lodged. MSC 100 E. [*Lodged 8/18/25](#)

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

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CASE#: 23PR-00286

CASE NAME: Guardianship of Nubia Armenta

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from August 21, 2025 re: Review of Case Status

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

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

CASE#: 24PR-00191

CASE NAME: Estate of Monique Lemmon

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from March 27, 2025 re: Status 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#: 24PR-00477

CASE NAME: Estate of Charles Albern Scoggins

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Report of Administrator on Waiver of Account and Petition for Its Settlement, For Allowance of Statutory Compensation to Attorneys and Compensation to Attorneys for Extraordinary Legal Services for Sale of Real Property and For Final Distribution

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

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. The *Report of Administrator on Waiver of Account and Petition for Its Settlement, For Allowance of Statutory Compensation to Attorneys and Compensation to Attorneys for Extraordinary Legal Services for Sale of Real Property and For Final Distribution* is approved. The Status Hearing Ensuring the Closing of the Estate currently set for February 9, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10 is confirmed.

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CASE#: 25PR-00152

CASE NAME: Estate of Sheryln Kay Cole

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from May 15, 2025 re: Status on Filing 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 September 15, 2025. A Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate is hereby set for June 29, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

CASE#: 25PR-00162

CASE NAME: Estate of John Jay deBettencourt

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from May 19, 2025 re: Status of Filing 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 September 15, 2025. A Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate is hereby set for June 29, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

CASE#: 25PR-00343

CASE NAME: In the Matter of the Emerson K. Uyematsu Revocable Trust

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Consent to Petition for An Order to Confirm Validity of Trust; Confirm Trustee; and Confirm Assets to Revocable Trust

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

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. The *Consent to Petition for An Order to Confirm Validity of Trust; Confirm Trustee; and Confirm Assets to Revocable Trust* is approved.

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CASE#: PR000050

CASE NAME: Adrian Plantillas 2009 Special Needs Trust

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from September 18, 2025 re:

1. Petition to Terminate Trust (Probate Code §17201)
2. Status Hearing
3. 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

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

1. The Sixth Accounting cannot be reviewed as an accounting for the period from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023 has not been submitted to the Court for approval.
2. Court's discretion considering the appropriateness or possible amendment of the pleading titled "*5.5 Report of Successor Trustee*".
3. Notice of the *5.5 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* has not been provided to any interested parties.
Prob Code §17203

TENTATIVE RULING:

Court's discretion. Appearance required.

(End of Tentative Rulings)