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: Friday, October 30, 2026
TIME: 8:15 AM and 8:30 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.**

There are no 8:15 a.m. matters set for the Probate Examiner's review

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CASE#: 20PR-00296

CASE NAME: Estate of Albina D. Anderegg

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:
Continued from August 21, 2026 re: First and Final Statement of Public Administrator Regarding Summary Disposition of Estate

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

1. There is a discrepancy between the two filed inventories and appraisals. The former administrator's Inventory and Appraisal provided a "Final" value of the estate at $2,500 comprised of items that were "broken" and of no value, in contrast to the Public Administrator's Inventory and Appraisal valuing estate real property at $110,000.
    a. The former Administrator's Inventory and Appraisal filed on 7/31/25 appears to omit the appraisal of real property that was part of the estate and only included personal property described as broken or valueless.
2. The attached Bill of Sale reflecting the sale of the real property by former Administrator V. Passwater who sold the estate real property dated 12/2/20 at a private sale to D. Anderson raises concerns as the Court's record does not reflect that the former Administrator had proper authority, notice or court approval required for the sale of the real property to a paralegal who assisted in the preparation of the estate documents. <u>As Letters were not issued to the former Administrator until 3/9/21 there is a concern that the sale is void ab initio.</u>
    a. A copy of the most recent vesting deed to be provided.
    b. Did the former Administrator received any additional consideration from the paralegal beyond the $52,00 purchase price (i.e. fee reduction or other benefit) in connection with the sale?
3. The former Administrator's conduct raises concerns involving conflict of interest or self-dealing involving the sale of the real property, failure to timely file an accurate Inventory and Appraisal, a failure to account and potential improper distributions of estate funds.
4. As the former administrator did not file an accounting before removal, the estate was left unresolved and unaccounted for receipts and disbursements, and other acts involving the administration of estate funds.
    a. The prior distributions by the former Administrator V. Passwater require documentation. The filing identifies prior distributions to F. Telechea, K. Weatherman, and V. Passwaters, but the legal basis, supporting order, and accounting detail for those distributions are not shown.

TENTATIVE RULING:
Appearance required.

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CASE#: 23PR-00024

CASE NAME: Estate of Joe L. Manzanedo

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:
Continued from August 21, 2026 re: Status Review Hearing

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

TENTATIVE RULING:
Appearance required. Counsel to provide the Court with a current case status.

CASE#: 20PR-00158

CASE NAME: Estate of Robert Alan Hunter

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:
Continued August 21, 2026 re: Status of an Accounting

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

1. A Petition for Final Account or Status Report has not been filed.
   Prob Code §12200-12201

RECOMMENDATION:
Appearance required. Counsel to provide the Court with a current case status.

(End of Tentative Rulings)