

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: Wednesday, April 15, 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-00036

CASE NAME: Estate of Joann Croft

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Notice of Motion to and Motion to Be Relieved as Counsel

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

1. Proof of Service reflecting service of the Notice of Motion, Declaration and proposed Order have not been served on the client and on parties who have requested Special Notice. CCP §284(2), CRC 3.1362

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

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CASE#: 24PR-00021

CASE NAME: Estate of Charles Gregory Reeves

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from January 22, 2026 re: Status ensuring the 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

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required. The Executor to advise the Court on the current case status.

CASE#: 24PR-00144

CASE NAME: Estate of Melissa St. Antoine

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from December 18, 2025 re: Accounting

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 advise the Court on the status of filing a Petition for Final Account.

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CASE#: 25PR-00232

CASE NAME: Guardianship of Rylee Thomas, et al.

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from December 18, 2025, 2025 re: Petition for Appointment of Guardian of the Estate

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

1. Notice has not been provided to all relatives in the first and second degree.
Prob Code §§1511 (a)-(c), 1460 *Notice remains deficient as to B. Spiva (relative in the 1st degree).
1. Additional information is needed to support the request for 2590 powers. *Declaration filed 9/11/25
2. Court's discretion concerning the possible requirement of a bond.
Prob Code §2320
3. A proposed Order has not been lodged. MSC 100 E. *Lodged 9/11/25

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required. Case is trailing case #24PR-00144 Estate of Melissa St. Antoine

(End of Tentative Rulings)