

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: Thursday, April 3, 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#: 20PR-00003

CASE NAME: Estate of Fred Mishler, Junior

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from February 26, 2025 re: 4th Amended Petition for Order Settling First and Final Report of Administrator; For Allowance of Ordinary Compensation to Administrator; For Allowance Extraordinary Compensation to Administrator; For Final Distribution

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES AND/OR DEFICIENCIES IN THE PAPERS REGARDING THE 4th AMENDED PETITION FILED ON 2/20/25 ARE NOTED:

1. A proposed Order reflective of the specific monetary and other agreed upon distributive shares to distributees has not been lodged with the Court.
MSC Rule 100 E.

TENTATIVE RULING:

The 4th Amended Petition for Order Settling First and Final Report of Administrator; For Allowance of Ordinary Compensation to Administrator; For Allowance Extraordinary Compensation to Administrator; For Final Distribution is approved. The Administrator to lodge a proposed Order. A Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate to be set for July 21, 2025 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

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CASE#: 22PR-00013

CASE NAME: Estate of Virginia Hall

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Petition for Settlement of First and Final Account, Final Distribution, Allowance of Compensation for Ordinary Services to Attorney

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

1. No 13100 Affidavits signed by the heirs of Robert Hall have been submitted.

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

CASE#: 24PR-00021

CASE NAME: Estate of Charles Gregory Reeves

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from February 10, 2025 re: Status of Filing an Inventory and Appraisal

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

1. Two incomplete Inventory and Appraisals have been filed as follows:
 - a. Inventory and Appraisal filed on 12/2/24 is incomplete and contains assets (real property, vehicle) that have not been appraised by the Probate Referee. Prob Code §8900 et seq. [*Corrected – I&A filed on 3/6/25](#)
 - b. Inventory and Appraisal filed on 12/4/24 is incomplete and consists of a single page. [*Corrected – I&A filed on 3/6/25](#)
2. An Inventory and Appraisal has been filed on March 6, 2025. Per Probate Code §1250 a copy of the Inventory and Appraisal must be provided to any interested person requesting special notice within the allowable statutory time. Appropriate Proof of Service is to be filed with the Court. Prob Code §§1250, 1252, 1261, 8803 [*Newly noted for the 4/3/25 hearing](#)

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

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CASE#: 24PR-00251

CASE NAME: Geraldine Jones Prine

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from October 3, 2024 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 January 30, 2025. A Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate is hereby set for November 12, 2025 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

CASE#: 25PR-00003

CASE NAME: Estate of Susan Donnell

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from February 13, 2025 re: Petition for Letters of Administration with Full IAEA Authority

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

1. No Proof of Publication with the corresponding signed affidavit.
Prob Code §8121, §8124

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

CASE#: 25PR-00083

CASE NAME: Estate of Frances Lopez Ortega

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Petition for Probate of Letters of Testamentary with Full IAEA Authority

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

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. The Petition for Probate of Letters of Testamentary with Full IAEA Authority with no bond required is granted. Probate Referee Michael Wright is appointed. A Status Hearing ensuring the filing of an Inventory and Appraisal to be set for September 11, 2025 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

(End of Tentative Rulings)