

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, August 6, 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:

Continued from April 29, 2026 re: Review of Case Status

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 current case status.

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CASE#: 24PR-00491

CASE NAME: Estate of Socorro Rodriguez Buendia

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

First and Final Account and Report of Co-Administrators and Petition for Its Settlement for Allowance of Compensation to Co-Administrators and Attorneys for Ordinary Services and for Final Distribution

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

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. The *First and Final Account and Report of Co-Administrators and Petition for Its Settlement for Allowance of Compensation to Co-Administrators and Attorneys for Ordinary Services and for Final Distribution* is approved. The Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate currently set for September 9, 2026 is continued to December 2, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

CASE#: 24PR-00495

CASE NAME: In the Matter of the Jannette Valdez-Witten Trust

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from June 4, 2026 re: Accounting

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

1. An Accounting has not been filed. Prob Code §§16062, 16063, 17200 (b)(6)

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

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CASE#: 25PR-00035

CASE NAME: Estate of Martin Calderon Duarte

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from April 27, 2026 re: Status Hearing

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

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. The hearing on the *First and Final Waiver of Account and Report of Executor, Waiver of Compensation to Executor and Petition for Allowance of Compensation to Attorneys for Ordinary Services and Costs and Final Distribution* currently set for October 8, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. is confirmed.

CASE#: 25PR-00115

CASE NAME: Estate of Dennis Clark Moomjean

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from June 29, 2026 re:

1. First and Final Account and Report of Administrator and Petition for Its Settlement, For Allowance of Compensation to Administrator and Attorney for Ordinary and Extraordinary Services, For Final Distribution, and For Release of Surety on Its Bond
2. Status on Closing of the Estate

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

1. Inventory filed on 6/17/25 is unsigned and unverified by the Petitioner. [*Corrected](#)
1. No Satisfaction/Release of Creditor's Claim has been filed on behalf of Bank of America, N.A. [*Corrected](#)

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. The *First and Final Account and Report of Administrator and Petition for Its Settlement, For Allowance of Compensation to Administrator and Attorney for Ordinary and Extraordinary Services, For Final Distribution, and For Release of Surety on Its Bond* is approved. A Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate is hereby set for December 17, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

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CASE#: PR000763

CASE NAME: Matter of the Cathy Marie Talai Special Needs Disability Trust

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from April 23, 2026 re: Amended Eighth Account and Final Account and Report of Successor Trustee; Petition for Trustee and Attorney Fees

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES AND/OR DEFICIENCIES IN THE PAPERS ARE NOTED (*as to the *Amended Eighth Account and Final Account and Report of Successor Trustee; Petition for Trustee and Attorney Fees*):

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required. Absent any Objection by any party the Court's intention is to approve the Amended Eighth Account and Final Account and Report of Successor Trustee; Petition for Trustee and Attorney Fees. A Status Hearing ensuring the Distribution and Closing of the Special Needs Trust will be set for November 30, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

(End of Tentative Rulings)