

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, December 18, 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#: 22PR-00301

CASE NAME: Estate of Salvador Abarca

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from September 17, 2025 re: Review of Case Status/Filing of Final 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 **Corrected*
2. Court's discretion concerning possible measures to be imposed for failing to file a Status Report or Petition for Final Account and Order for Distribution within the required statutory time. Prob Code §§ 11050, et seq., 12205

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

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CASE#: 24PR-00144

CASE NAME: Estate of Melissa St. Antoine

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from June 26, 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 advise the Court on the status of filing a Petition for Final Account.

CASE#: 25PR-00232

CASE NAME: Guardianship of Rylee Thomas, et al.

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from October 10, 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.

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CASE#: 24PR-00166

CASE NAME: Estate of Lupe Contreras

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from September 8, 2025 re: Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate

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

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

CASE#: 24PR-00315

CASE NAME: Estate of Jerry Wayne David

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from June 27, 2025 re: Status Hearing re: 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 advise the Court on the current case status.

CASE#: 24PR-00371

CASE NAME: Estate of Jean Yook Fong

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from August 7, 2025 re: Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate

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

1. An Ex Parte Petition For Final Discharge And Order (DE-295) have not been submitted.
Prob Code §12250

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. The Status Review Hearing is continued to April 30, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10 to allow counsel additional time to file the appropriate Ex Parte Petition for Final Discharge with the Court.

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CASE#: 24PR-00455

CASE NAME: Estate of Manuel Perez

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Report of Executor 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 Executor 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 January 21, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. is hereby continued to April 30, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

(End of Tentative Rulings)