

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, February 26, 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#: 24PR-00387

CASE NAME: Estate of Mary Navarro

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from May 22, 2025 re: Status Hearing ensuring the 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:

No appearance required. The Court has reviewed the case file and notes the estate's real property is currently in escrow. The Status Hearing is continued to June 4, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

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CASE#: 25PR-00045

CASE NAME: Estate of William DeGallery, Jr.

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from January 8, 2026 re:

1. Status Hearing ensuring the filing of an Inventory and Appraisal
2. Order to Show Cause re: Sanction for Failure to Appear

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

1. An Inventory and Appraisal has not been filed. Prob Code §8800(b) [*Corrected](#)

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

CASE#: 25PR-00063

CASE NAME: Estate of Francisco Jimenez

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Report of Administrator on Waiver of Account and Petition for Allowance of Statutory Compensation to Administrator and Attorney for Ordinary Services, For Costs of Administration, Reserve for Closing Expenses and For Final Distribution

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

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. The *Report of Administrator on Waiver of Account and Petition for Allowance of Statutory Compensation to Administrator and Attorney for Ordinary Services, For Costs of Administration, Reserve for Closing Expenses and For Final Distribution* is approved. The Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate currently set for April 27, 2026 is continued to June 4, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

CASE#: 25PR-00179

CASE NAME: Estate of William H. Branson

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON: Status Hearing

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

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required. Counsel to advise the Court on how the case administration as agreed upon by the parties.

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CASE#: 25PR-00333

CASE NAME: Estate of Steven Roach

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from September 19, 2025 re: Status Hearing ensuring the filing of an Inventory and Appraisal

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

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. Letters for Probate were not issued until November 26, 2026. The Status Hearing ensuring the filing of an Inventory and Appraisal is hereby continued to April 30, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

CASE#: P22233

CASE NAME: In the Matter of the Christian Vizcarra Special Needs Trust

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from January 8, 2026 re: Accounting

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

1. An Eleventh Accounting has not been filed. [*Corrected – filed on 1/30/26 & remains under review.](#)
2. Notice of the Eleventh Accounting is deficient with only 27 days' notice.
Prob Code §17203

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. The hearing is continued to April 2, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10. Counsel to provide notice to all interested parties of the continued hearing date and file the appropriate Proof of Service with the Court.

(End of Tentative Rulings)