

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](mailto: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

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DATE: Thursday, July 10, 2025  
TIME: 8:15 AM  
Courtroom 10  
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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-00490

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Karen Kent

**THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:**

Continued from February 13, 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. An Inventory and Appraisal was filed on March 27, 2025. A Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate is hereby set for March 19, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

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**CASE#:** 16PR-00032

**CASE NAME:** Conservatorship of Magdalena Sousa

**THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:**

Continued from March 20, 2025 re:

1. Status Review
2. Corrections to the Fifth Account and Report of Conservator of the Person and Estate;  
Fee Request
3. Order to Show Cause to the Credit Card companies

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

1. Submitted Care Credit statements for account ending 9026 are blurry and need to be resubmitted.
2. Declarations seeking the Court's approval for additional funds should be properly submitted via a Petition with appropriate notice to all interested parties.  
Prob Code §§1020 et seq.
3. What is the conservatee's current checking account status minus the amounts requested to be placed in a blocked account?
4. The following credit statements are missing:
  - a. Comenity:
    - i. Famous Footwear:
      1. March 2023 – March 2024
    - ii. Ulta:
      1. March 2022 – October 2022
      2. February 2024 – March 2024
    - iii. Victoria's Secret:
      1. June 2022 – July 2022
      2. December 2023 – March 2024
  - b. Synchrony:
    - i. TJMaxx:
      1. March 2022 – May 2022
      2. November 2023
5. Will there be an associated cost to the estate for the conservator's weekly accounts provided to counsel?

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

Appearance required.

(End of Tentative Rulings)