

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, June 26, 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-00302

CASE NAME: Estate of Carmelita Branco

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

1. Petition for Termination of Proceedings and Discharge
2. Continued from May 1, 2025 re: Status Review Hearing

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

1. The Petition for Termination is incomplete at item #4 and does not provide the Court with any explanation concerning any circumstances that support the request to terminate the administration of the estate. Prob Code §12251 (c)

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

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CASE#: 23PR-00201

CASE NAME: Estate of Marvin E. Hanneman

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from May 5, 2025 re: Petition for Final Distribution on Waiver of Accounting

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

1. No consents have been filed by heirs Rebecca Hanneman, Rachel Halpin and Joshua Hanneman regarding the proposed non-prorata distribution to heirs Erick Hanneman and Ian S. Hanneman. [*Corrected in Amended Petition filed on 6/3/25](#)
2. Are the vehicles the only assets on hand at the end of administration for distribution? [*Addressed in Amended Petition filed on 6/3/25](#)
3. Proof of Service reflecting Notice of the Petition for Final Distribution has not been filed. Prob Code §§1215, 11601, 1220 [*Corrected](#)

TENTATIVE RULING:

The Amended Petition for Final Distribution on Waiver of Accounting is approved. A Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate to be set for August 27, 2025 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

CASE#: 23PR-00208

CASE NAME: Estate of Cora Martinez

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from March 20, 2025 re: Status on Closing of the Estate

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
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. Counsel to advise the Court on the current case status.

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CASE#: 24PR-00144

CASE NAME: Estate of Melissa St. Antoine

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Status Hearing on the Filing of an Inventory and Appraisal

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

1. An Inventory and Appraisal has not been filed. Prob Code §8800(b)

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required. Counsel to advise the Court on the status of filing an Inventory and Appraisal.

(End of Tentative Rulings)