

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 4, 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#: 22PR-00301

CASE NAME: Estate of Salvador Abarca

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from March 5, 2026 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

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

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CASE#: 24PR-00387

CASE NAME: Estate of Mary Navarro

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from February 26, 2026 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*[Corrected](#)

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. The hearing on the Petition for Settlement of First and Final Account currently set for July 23, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10 is confirmed.

CASE#: 24PR-00495

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

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from March 13, 2025 re: Accounting

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

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

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

CASE#: 25PR-00088

CASE NAME: Estate of Aurora Infante

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from January 15, 2026 re: Status on Closing of the Estate

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

1. Distributive Receipts and an Ex Parte Petition For Final Discharge And Order (DE-295) have not been submitted. Prob Code §§11753, 12250

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. The Status Review Hearing is continued to August 12, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10 to allow counsel additional time to file the appropriate Distributive Receipts and Ex Parte Petition for Final Discharge with the Court.

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CASE#: 25PR-00342

CASE NAME: Estate of Somrudee Abeleven

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from April 30, 2026 re:

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

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES AND/OR DEFICIENCIES IN THE PAPERS WERE PREVIOUSLY 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 current case status.

CASE#: 26PR-00135

CASE NAME: Estate of Bertha McGann

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Petition to Determine Succession to Primary Residence

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

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. The Petition to Determine Succession to Primary Residence is approved.

CASE#: 26PR-00163

CASE NAME: Estate of Terri L. Stefani

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Petition for Probate of Will and for Letters Testamentary

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

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

The Petition for Letters Testamentary with Full IAEA Authority with no bond required is granted. The Decedent's will is admitted into Probate. Probate Referee Michael Wright is appointed. A Status Hearing ensuring the filing of an Inventory and Appraisal is hereby set for October 28, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

(End of Tentative Rulings)