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

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DATE: Thursday, March 12, 2026
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-00200

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Victor Manuel Loera

**THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:**
Continued from January 22, 2026 re: Status on Filing of 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

**TENATIVE RULING:**
Appearance required.

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**CASE#:** 24PR-00303

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Jesse R. Mayo

**THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:**
First and Final Report of Administrator on Waiver of Account and Petition for Its Settlement, For Reimbursement of Costs Advanced by Attorneys, Allowance of Statutory and Extraordinary Compensation to Attorneys, and for Final Distribution

**THE FOLLOWING ISSUES AND/OR DEFICIENCIES IN THE PAPERS ARE NOTED:**
None.

**TENATIVE RULING:**
No appearance required. The *First and Final Report of Administrator on Waiver of Account and Petition for Its Settlement, For Reimbursement of Costs Advanced by Attorneys, Allowance of Statutory and Extraordinary Compensation to Attorneys, and for Final Distribution* is approved. A Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate is hereby set for August 3, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

**CASE#:** 25PR-00443

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Honorato Ruiz Nunez

**THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:**
Continued from January 22, 2026 re: Petition for Letters of Special Administration with Limited Authority

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

1. Bond has not been waived by all beneficiaries. Prob Code §8481 *Addressed in Declaration filed on 12/4/25
2. No Notice to all heirs, beneficiaries & executors. Prob Code §8100, §8110 *Corrected
3. Clarification if the Petitioner is seeking the Limited or General Authority as the Petitioner is requesting authority "to disburse any potential settlement or judgment funds" (possible estate funds). *Corrected

**TENATIVE RULING:**
Appearance required.

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**CASE#:** 25PR-00509

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Nelda M. Affholter

**THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:**
Continued from February 5, 2026 re: Petition for Administration with Full IAEA Authority

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

1. No Proof of Publication with the corresponding signed affidavit.
   Prob Code §8121, §8124 *Corrected – filed 2/4/26
4. Bond has not been waived by all heirs. Prob Code §8481 *Remains for the 3/12/26 hearing
5. Additional information needed concerning the decedent's lineage (deceased issue dates of death, who were they survived by including spouses and/or representative of estates). Petitioner to provide a Lineal Chart reflecting the decedent's deceased and current surviving issue. *Corrected – filed 2/5/26
6. Proposed Letters and Order for Probate has not been lodged.
   Prob Code §8006, §8400 *Corrected – lodged 2/6/26

**TENTATIVE RULING:**
Appearance required. The Court's intention is to approve the Petition for Administration with Full IAEA Authority with a $283,000 bond to be posted. Letters to issue upon the posting of the required bond. Probate Referee Michael Wright is to be appointed. A Status Hearing ensuring the filing of an Inventory and Appraisal to be set for August 17, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

**CASE#:** 26PR-00001

**CASE NAME:**
In re The Fidel B. Ybarra Revocable Living Trust UTA dated November 23, 1996 and amended on September 20, 2000

**THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:**
Petition for Order Confirming Successor Trustee and Confirming Real Property and Oil and Gas Interest as Trust Assets

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

1. Attached Trust document is missing the referenced "Schedule A" which includes the list of trust assets.
2. What type of oil and gas interest are sought to be transferred? Concern the Court does not have jurisdiction concerning the Petitioner's request to transfer oil and gas interests located in Colorado.

**TENATIVE RULING:**
Appearance required.

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**CASE#:** 26PR-00022

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Linda Jeanette Bombard

**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.

**TENATIVE RULING:**
No appearance required. The Petition to Determine Succession to Primary Residence is approved.

(End of Tentative Rulings)