

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, March 5, 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#: 21PR-00369

CASE NAME: Estate of Gary David White

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from September 4, 2025 re: Review of Case Status re: Closing of the Estate

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

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. A Status Report was filed on February 23, 2026. The Status Hearing is continued to July 9, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

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CASE#: 22PR-00301

CASE NAME: Estate of Salvador Abarca

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from December 18, 2025 re: Review of Case Status/Filing of Final Accounting

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:

Appearance required.

CASE#: 24PR-00097

CASE NAME: Estate of Mary J. Douglas

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Waiver of Accounting and Report of Administrator, Petition for Final Distribution and Discharge; Status Report

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

1. The Petition references various real property that requires either additional information or corrective action:
 - a) **3090 Tupelo Dr., Merced, CA** – Petition states the real property should not have been included as an estate asset as the decedent was not a titled owner for this real property. A Corrected and Final Inventory and Appraisal has not been filed reflecting this real property is not part of the decedent's estate.
 - b) **3102 Tupelo Dr., Merced, CA** – Was not included in any Inventory and Appraisal. The Petition states this was property was subject to a reverse mortgage and was subsequently lost and sold by the reverse mortgage company in 2025.
 - c) **4122 Marshall Street, Le Grand, CA** – The Petition states all heirs signed Waivers of Receipt of any monies from the decedent's estate by giving their share to someone named Jose Elias Vargas Vera. This property has also not been included in any Inventory and Appraisal and there are no Waivers of Receipt filed reflecting any agreement by the heirs to transfer the real property to this party.

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. The hearing is continued to April 10, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10. Any corrective pleadings to be filed with the Court by the close of business on April 3, 2026.

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CASE#: 24PR-00312

CASE NAME: Estate of Richard Gilbert Douglas

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from December 1, 2025 re: Status Ensuring the filing of an Inventory & Appraisal

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) *Corrected

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. An Inventory and Appraisal was filed on January 16, 2026. A Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate is hereby for July 22, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

CASE#: 24PR-00364

CASE NAME: Estate of Darlene Wright

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from February 11, 2026 re:

1. First and Final Waiver of Account and Report of Administrator, Petition for Final Distribution and Allowance of Statutory Compensation of Attorney's Fees
2. Continued from June 16, 2025 re: Status Hearing re: Closing of the Estate

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

1. What is the status of the real property located on Herman Street, Atwater as reflected in the I&A filed on 2/25/25?
2. Did deceased heir David Wright have a will? Who is the personal representative of his estate? Prob Code §§11801 et seq.

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. The hearing is continued to April 3, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10 to allow counsel additional time to correct the previously noted deficiencies.

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CASE#: 25PR-00469

CASE NAME:

In the Matter of the W. Coelho 2016 Trust dated December 14, 2016, as amended

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Petition with Points and Authority by Trustees to Establish Claim of Trust to Property Ownership, and For an Order Thereon

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

1. Notice has not been provided utilizing the mandatory Judicial Council Form Notice of Hearing on Petition to Determine Claim to Property (DE-115).
Prob Code §§851, 17203

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. The hearing is continued to April 13, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10 for correction of the deficiency.

CASE#: 26PR-00053

CASE NAME: Estate of Enrique R. Zambrano

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Petition for Letters of Administration with Full IAEA Authority

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

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. The Petition for Administration with Full IAEA Authority with no bond is granted. Probate Referee Michael Wright is appointed. A Status Hearing ensuring the filing of an Inventory and Appraisal is hereby set for August 26, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

(End of Tentative Rulings)