

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, May 1, 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#:** 22PR-00109

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Marty David Pereira

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

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

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

1. The Declaration filed by the Administrator on March 6, 2025 acknowledges the \$1,668.00 shortage but does not provide any explanation that would provide clarity concerning the discrepancy. **\*Administrator filed a Declaration on 4/21/25 – remains under review.**

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

Due to the Court's impacted calendars, the Probate Examiner has requested additional time to review the recently filed documents. The Status Hearing is continued to July 2, 2025 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

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**CASE#:** 22PR-00302

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Carmelita Branco

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

Continued from March 19, 2025 re: Status Hearing

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

1. A Petition for Termination of Proceedings or Status Report has not been filed.  
Prob Code §§12200-12201, 12251

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

Appearance required.

**CASE#:** 22PR-00363

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Ruben Villarreal

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

Petition and Report on Waiver of Account for Final Settlement, For Waiver of Statutory Commission, for Allowance of Statutory Attorney Fees, and For Final Distribution

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

1. The Petition does not address the disposition of the decedent's personal items (vehicles,, tools, household furniture/furnishings). The Petition also does not specifically reflect the property on hand at the end of administration to be distributed to the Administrator. CRC 7.550 and 7.651
2. Petition is not verified. Prob Code §1021, CCP §128.7
3. A proposed Order has not been lodged. MSC 100 E.

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

The hearing is continued to June 30, 2025 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10 for correction of the deficiencies.

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**CASE#:** 24PR-00315

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Jerry Wayne David

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

Continued from November 15, 2024 re: Status of Filing 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.

**CASE#:** PR000050

**CASE NAME:** Adrian Plantillas 2009 Special Needs Trust

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

Continued from January 13, 2025 re:

1. Petition to Terminate Trust (Probate Code §17201)
2. Status Hearing
3. Sixth Report of Successor Trustee and Petition for Approval of Account, For Approval of Trustee's Fees and For Authorization to Pay Fees of Trustee's Attorney

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

1. The Sixth Accounting cannot be reviewed as an accounting for the period of time from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023 has not been submitted to the Court for approval.

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

The hearing is continued to July 31, 2025 at 8:15 a.m. for the correction of the deficiency

(End of Tentative Rulings)