

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, May 15, 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#: 21PR-00144

CASE NAME: Estate of Bruce Gray

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from March 6, 2025 re: Status Hearing

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. Counsel to appear and provide the Court with a current case status.

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CASE#: 23PR-00152

CASE NAME: Estate of Georgia Mae Melton

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from March 6, 2025 re: Amended First and Final Account and Waiver of Account and Report of Executor

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

1. Amended Petition filed on February 24, 2025 does not identify the assets on hand for distribution. CRC 7.550(b)(4) [*Corrected](#)
2. A proposed Order has not been lodged with the Court. MSC Rule 100.E

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. The Second Amended Petition *for First and Final Account and Waiver of Account* is approved. The Executrix to submit a proposed Order. A Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate is hereby set for August 28, 2025 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

CASE#: 23PR-00408

CASE NAME: Estate of Arthur Collins

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from June 10, 2024 re: Status on 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 April 29, 2025. The hearing is continued to November 20, 2025 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10 for a further Status Hearing on Closing of the Estate.

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CASE#: 24PR-00253

CASE NAME: Estate of Paul James Scoggins, Sr.

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Executor's Final Report Upon Waiver of Account and Petition for Order Approving Executor's Actions and Sale of Real Property, Allowing Reimbursement to Executor for Out of Pocket Expenditures, Directing Payment of Statutory Compensation to Executor and Attorney, Directing Distribution of Estate then Remaining to Beneficiary, Exonerating and Discharging Executor and Settling the Estate

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

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

The *Executor's Final Report Upon Waiver of Account and Petition for Order Approving Executor's Actions and Sale of Real Property, Allowing Reimbursement to Executor for Out of Pocket Expenditures, Directing Payment of Statutory Compensation to Executor and Attorney, Directing Distribution of Estate then Remaining to Beneficiary, Exonerating and Discharging Executor and Settling the Estate* is approved. The Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate currently set for August 4, 2025 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10 is confirmed.

CASE#: 24PR-00435

CASE NAME: Estate of David Anthony Garcia-Garibay

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from December 23, 2024 re: Status on Filing of an Inventory and Appraisal

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

1. Bond has not been posted since the appointment of the Administrator on December 23, 2024.

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required. Counsel to prove the Court with a status on the posting of the required bond.

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CASE#: 25PR-00042

CASE NAME: Estate of Eric J. Salado

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from March 6, 2025 re: Petition for Probate of Will and for Letters Testamentary

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

1. No Proof of Publication with the corresponding signed affidavit.
Prob Code §8121, §8124 *Corrected
2. Proposed Letters and Order for Probate has not been lodged.
Prob Code §8006, §8400 *Corrected

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. 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 16, 2025 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

CASE#: 25PR-00152

CASE NAME: Estate of Sheryln Kay Cole

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:

1. No Proof of Publication with the corresponding signed affidavit.
Prob Code §8121, §8124

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

(End of Tentative Rulings)