

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 22, 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#: 23PR-00375

CASE NAME: In the Matter of the Genaro Ortuno Oregon Minor's Settlement Trust

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Second Account and Report of Trustee and Petition for: Ratification of Trustee Fees; Allowance of Periodic Payment of Trustee Fees and Allowance of Attorney Fees and Reimbursement of Costs Advanced

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

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required. Absent any Objection the recommendation is to approve the *Second Account and Report of Trustee and Petition for: Ratification of Trustee Fees; Allowance of Periodic Payment of Trustee Fees and Allowance of Attorney Fees and Reimbursement of Costs Advanced*.

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CASE#: 24PR-00154

CASE NAME: Estate of Kenneth Reding

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from February 6, 2025 re: Status on Filing of 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#: 24PR-00280

CASE NAME: Estate of Maria Elena Ruiz

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from December 2, 2024 re: Status of Filing an Inventory and Appraisal

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

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. An Inventory and Appraisal was filed on January 17, 2025. A Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate is hereby set for January 8, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

CASE#: 24PR-00327

CASE NAME: Estate of Elsie Ann Canales

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from December 2, 2024 re: Status on Filing of an Inventory and Appraisal

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

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. An Inventory and Appraisal was filed on May 5, 2025. A Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate is hereby set for January 8, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

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CASE#: 24PR-00387

CASE NAME: Estate of Mary Navarro

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from December 2, 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.

CASE#: 25PR-00072

CASE NAME: Estate of Frances Louise Saucedo

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from April 24, 2025 re:

1. Petition to Determine Succession to Real Property
2. Order to Show Cause re: Sanctions

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

1. Copy of the most recent vesting deed to be provided. *Corrected
2. Was the decedent's spouse Steve A. Saucedo survived by any other heirs other than his son who is a Co-Petitioner? *Corrected

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

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CASE#: 25PR-00132

CASE NAME: Estate of Ruben Andrade

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from May 7, 2025 re: Petition for Letters of Administration with Full IAEA Authority

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

1. No Notice to all heirs, beneficiaries & executors. Prob Code §8100, §8110
2. Clarification needed if Emerita Yanez is the decedent's biological granddaughter or related in another form?
3. If it appears that property will pass to a citizen of a foreign country, notice shall be given to a recognized diplomatic or consular official of the foreign country maintaining an office in the United States. Prob Code §8113

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

CASE#: 25PR-00171

CASE NAME: Estate of Sarah F. Hobbs

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 Probate of Will and 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 22, 2025 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

(End of Tentative Rulings)