

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, November 20, 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:

1. First and Final Account and Report of Interim Administrator, and Petition for Settlement, For Allowance of Statutory Compensation to Administrator and For Attorneys for Ordinary Services, and For Extraordinary Fees/Surcharges, and For Final Distribution
2. Petition for Extraordinary Fees/Surcharges for Attorney
3. Petition for Order Approving Attorney's Fees and Costs Advanced for Extraordinary Services

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

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

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CASE#: 23PR-00408

CASE NAME: Estate of Arthur Collins

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from May 15, 2025 re: Status on Closing of the Estate

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

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. The *Petition for Settlement of First and Final Account and For Allowance of Compensation for Ordinary and Extraordinary Services of Executor, and for Allowance of Ordinary and Extraordinary Attorney's Fees and Reimbursement of Advanced Costs* currently set for hearing on March 2, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10 is confirmed.

CASE#: 24PR-00200

CASE NAME: Estate of Victor Manuel Loera

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from October 23, 2025 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

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

CASE#: 24PR-00279

CASE NAME: Estate of John Albert Fox

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from April 17, 2025 re: Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate

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 advise the Court on the current case status.

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CASE#: 24PR-00303

CASE NAME: Estate of Jesse R. Mayo

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from April 17, 2025 re: Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate

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 advise the Court on the current case status.

CASE#: 24PR-00305

CASE NAME: Estate of Bradley Richard Brudzinski

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from April 17, 2025 re: Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate

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 advise the Court on the current case status.

CASE#: 24PR-00377

CASE NAME: Estate of Anthony Joseph Santagato

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from March 21, 2025 re: Status of Closing of the Estate

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

None.

TENATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. The *First and Final Report and Account of Executor and Petition for Its Settlement, For Allowance of Compensation to Attorneys for Ordinary and Extraordinary Services, Waiver of Compensation by Executor, Reimbursement for Costs Advanced by Attorneys, and for Final Distribution* currently set for hearing on November 24, 2025 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10 is confirmed.

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CASE#: 24PR-00427

CASE NAME: Estate of Jose Jesus Maldonado Chavez

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Petition for Settlement of First and Final Account with Waivers, Final Distribution, and Allowance of Compensation for Ordinary Services to Attorney

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

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. The *Petition for Settlement of First and Final Account with Waivers, Final Distribution, and Allowance of Compensation for Ordinary Services to Attorney* is approved. The Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate currently set for February 9, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10 is confirmed.

(End of Tentative Rulings)