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 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#: 23PR-00036

CASE NAME: Estate of Joann Croft

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:
Continued from September 17, 2026 re: Review of Case Status

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES AND/OR DEFICIENCIES IN THE PAPERS WERE 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.

(continued on next page)

CASE#: 24PR-00373

CASE NAME: Estate of William Webb

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:
Continued from September 16, 2026 re: Review of Case Status

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES AND/OR DEFICIENCIES IN THE PAPERS WERE 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#: 26PR-00168

CASE NAME: Matter of JoAnne Smith

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:
Continued from September 17, 2026 re: Petition to Determine Succession to Real Property and Personal Property

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

1. Missing Attachment 8 – An Inventory and Appraisal with an appraisal by the Probate Referee.
2. Attachment 11 is:
   a. Missing the legal description of the real property
   b. Does not identify any personal property of the decedent sought to be transferred to the Petitioners.
3. A copy of the most recent vesting deed for the subject real property to be submitted.
4. A proposed Order has not been lodged. MSC 100E.

TENTATIVE RULING:
Appearance required.

(continued on next page)

Superior Court of California, County of Merced
PROBATE/CONSERVATORSHIP CALENDAR
HONORABLE: Stephanie Jamieson

DATE: Thursday, November 5, 2026
TIME: 8:15 AM
Courtroom 8

PROBATE CALENDAR

Updated 11/4/26 at 12:30 pm

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#: 26PR-00123

CASE NAME: Estate of Giuseppe Castiglione

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:
Continued from May 7, 2026 re: Status Hearing ensuring the 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:
No appearance is required. Due to the recusal of the Honorable Mark Bacciarini pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 170.1, the Court, on its own motion, continues the Status Hearing currently set for November 5, 2026, to November 16, 2026, at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 8.

(End of Tentative Rulings)