

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, October 16, 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-00208

CASE NAME: Estate of Cora Martinez

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

First and Final Report, Waiver of Accounting, and Petition for Final Distribution

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

1. Waiver of Account has not been submitted on behalf of Candelaria Martinez who is a residuary beneficiary. Prob Code §10954
2. The Petition does not specifically identify the assets on hand for distribution as required by California Rule of Court 7.550(b)(4).
3. Notice has not been provided to all beneficiaries. Prob Code §§11000, 1220
4. A proposed Order has not been lodged. MSC 100 E.

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. The hearing to be continued to December 8, 2025 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10 for correction of the deficiencies.

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CASE#: 24PR-00154

CASE NAME: Estate of Kenneth Reding

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from May 22, 2025 re: Status of Closing of the Estate

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

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. The hearing on the *First and Final Waiver of Account and Report of Executor, Petition for Final Distribution and Allowance of Statutory Compensation of Attorney's Fees* currently set for February 11, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10 is confirmed.

CASE#: 25PR-00042

CASE NAME: Estate of Eric J. Salado

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from May 15, 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 of the status of filing an Inventory and Appraisal.

CASE#: 25PR-00096

CASE NAME: Estate of Randi L. Hernschall

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from May 7, 2025 re: Status Hearing ensuring the Filing of an Inventory and Appraisal

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

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance. An Inventory and Appraisal was filed on July 31, 2025. A Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate is hereby set on July 22, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

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CASE#: 25PR-00295

CASE NAME:

In re: The Sousa Family Trust Dated June 12, 1999

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Petition to Determine Interest In Property

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

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

The Petition to Determine Interest In Property is approved.

(End of Tentative Rulings)