

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 30, 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-00283

CASE NAME: Estate of Jorge Alberto Armenta

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from August 21, 2025 re: First and Final Report of Administrator and for Final Distribution and Petition for Allowance of Statutory Compensation to Attorney for Ordinary Services

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

1. The proposed distribution of the real property to the minor brings some concern and questions:
 - a. It is unclear who will be in possession and control of the real property [*Addressed in Supplement filed on 8/18/25](#)
 - b. Is there any existing mortgage owed on the real property [*Addressed in Supplement filed on 8/18/25](#)
 - c. How are any tax obligations or other real property expenses to be handled [*Addressed in Supplement filed on 8/18/25](#)
 - d. How will the real property be titled/recorded [*Addressed in Supplement filed on 8/18/25](#)
2. A proposed Order has not been lodged. MSC 100 E.

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

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CASE#: 23PR-00286

CASE NAME: Guardianship of Nubia Armenta

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from August 21, 2025 re: Review of Case Status

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

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

CASE#: 23PR-00464

CASE NAME: Estate of Jaclyn L. Sears

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

First and Final Account and Report of Special Administrator and Petition for Its Settlement, For Allowance of Statutory Compensation to Special Administrator and Attorneys and Compensation to Attorneys for Extraordinary Services for Legal Services for Sale of Real Property and for Final Distribution

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

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. The *First and Final Account and Report of Special Administrator and Petition for Its Settlement, For Allowance of Statutory Compensation to Special Administrator and Attorneys and Compensation to Attorneys for Extraordinary Services for Legal Services for Sale of Real Property and for Final Distribution* is approved. A Status hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate is hereby set for March 2, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10. The Special Administrator's authority is extended until March 2, 2026 or upon the Court's approval of an Ex Parte Petition for Discharge.

CASE#: 24PR-00335

CASE NAME: Estate of Deborah Joyce Collins

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from September 10, 2025 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) [*Corrected](#)

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. An Inventory and Appraisal was filed on October 20, 2025. A Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate is hereby set for April 9, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

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CASE#: 25PR-00003

CASE NAME: Estate of Susan Donnell

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from September 10, 2025 re:

1. Status Hearing ensuring the Filing an Inventory and Appraisal
2. Order to Show Cause re: Sanctions for Failing to Appear

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

1. An Inventory and Appraisal has not been filed. Prob Code §8800(b)

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

CASE#: 25PR-00233

CASE NAME: Estate of Dwight Anthony Reynolds

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from September 18, 2025 re: Further Proceedings

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES AND/OR DEFICIENCIES IN THE PAPERS ARE NOTED:
None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

CASE#: 25PR-00323

CASE NAME: Estate of Dwight Reynolds, Senior

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from September 18, 2025 re: Proof of Deposit of Funds

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

1. Proof of Deposit has not been filed as ordered by the Court on 9/18/25

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

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CASE#: 25PR-00326

CASE NAME:

In re: The Srinivasan Ananthanpillai and Neeta Anand Chandwani Revocable Trust dated October 4, 2022

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Petition for Order Confirming Transfer of Trust Asset

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

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. The Petition for Order Confirming Transfer of Trust Asset is approved.

(End of Tentative Rulings)