

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, September 10, 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#: 24PR-00149

CASE NAME: Estate of Manuel Jimenez

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

1. Waiver of Account and Report of Executor, Petition for Final Distribution
2. Continued from July 15, 2026 re: Status Hearing

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

1. Clarification of real property transfer. The Petition alleges the estate's sole real-property asset was transferred to the devisee before final distribution. Clarification is needed whether this was a sale, preliminary distribution, or other transfer; provide supporting authority and documentation; and state whether any assets remain. If a preliminary distribution, provide the authorizing order.
Prob. Code §§ 11620–11621, 11623(a)(2)
2. The Petition does not include a complete legal description, street address, and assessor's parcel number of the real property distributed/to be distributed. CRC 7.651(a), (b)(3)
3. Notice has not been provided to all interested parties. Prob. Code, §§ 1215, 1220, 1250

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. The hearing is continued to October 16, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10. Any corrective pleadings to be filed and served by the close of business on October 2, 2026.

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CASE#: 25PR-00038

CASE NAME: Estate of Darryl Stowe

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

First and Final Report of Administrator and Petition for Final Distribution on Waiver of Accounting

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

1. The following Creditor Claims remain unresolved:
 - a. Travis Credit Union filed on 8/29/25. No written Allowance or Rejection of Creditor's Claim (DE-174) has been filed. This claim remains unaddressed. Prob Code §9250, CRC 7.401
 - b. Wells Fargo Bank filed on 9/15/26. No written Allowance or Rejection of Creditor's Claim (DE-174) reflecting the settlement, including a partial allowance in the settlement amount and disposition of the balance of the claim has been filed. Prob Code §9250, CRC 7.401
2. The Petition does not adequately allege compliance with all governmental-notice requirements as to DHCS. Clarification needed whether the Decedent received or may have received Medi-Cal or other benefits requiring notice.

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. The hearing is continued to October 29, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10. Any corrective pleadings to be filed with the Court by the close of business on October 19, 2026.

CASE#: 26PR-00301

CASE NAME: Estate of Karin Lynn Sales

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Petition for Letters of Administration with Full IAEA Authority

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

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. The Petition for Letters of Administration with full IAEA Authority is granted. No bond is required to be posted. Probate Referee Michael Wright is appointed. A Status Hearing ensuring the filing of an Inventory and Appraisal is hereby set for February 10, 2027 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

(End of Tentative Rulings)