

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: Tuesday, July 14, 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.**

Special Set

CASE#: 25PR-00436

CASE NAME: In the Matter of the Eva Pruett Pooled Special Needs Trust

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from April 15, 2026 re: Status Review/Confirmation of Case Transfer

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

1. Case has not been transferred to San Diego County Superior Court.

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. The file reflects that the Court ordered transfer of this matter to San Diego County on April 15, 2026, but the case has not yet been transferred. The matter is continued to September 14, 2026, at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10 to allow counsel additional time to effect and complete the transfer. If the transfer has not been completed by the continued date, counsel shall file a Status Report and a proposed schedule for completion, or submit a stipulation and proposed order resolving the outstanding transfer and bond filing issues.

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HONORABLE: Mason Brawley

DATE: Tuesday, July 14, 2026
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PROBATE CALENDAR

Special Set

CASE#: 25PR-00435

CASE NAME: In re the Robert J. and Bette C. Gaestel Family Revocable Trust

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

1. Continued from May 28, 2026 re: Review of Case Status
2. Petition to Construe Trust Related to Outright Distribution Terms

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

1. Objections have been filed to the Petition to Construe Trust.
2. Opposition filed by Richard Gaestel has not been verified. Prob Code §1021
 - a. Amended Proof of Service filed on 7/6/26 as to the Reply of Richard Gaestel does not reflect any service effectuated on Josef A. Gaestel. CCP§1005 **Newly noted for the 7/14/26 hearing*
3. Opposition by Josef A. Gaestel filed on has not been served on all interested parties. CCP§1005
 - a. Proof of Service filed on 7/2/26 as to the Opposition by Josef A. Gaestel filed does not reflect any service effectuated on Richard J. Gaestel. CCP§1005 **Newly noted for the 7/14/26 hearing*

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

(End of Tentative Rulings)