

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](mailto: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

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DATE: Wednesday, April 23, 2025  
TIME: 8:15 AM  
Courtroom 10  
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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-00325

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Joan Marie Catelli

**THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:**

Continued from November 22, 2024 re: Status on Closing of the Estate

**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 on the status of filing an Inventory and Appraisal.

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**CASE#:** 24PR-00382

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Melissa Marie Fries

**THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:**

Continued from November 22, 2024 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)

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

Appearance required. The Executor to advise the Court on the status of filing an Inventory and Appraisal.

**CASE#:** 25PR-00008

**CASE NAME:**

In the Matter of the Glenda Carolyn McAfee 2007 Living Trust, dated January 4, 2007

**THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:**

Continued from April 2, 2025 re: Petition for Settlement of First and Final Account and Approval of Trustee Fees and Final Distribution

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

1. Additional information needed concerning the status/disposition of the following identified trust assets per Schedule A-2: [\\*Addressed in Supplemental filed on 4/11/25](#)
  - a. Bank Accounts at:
    - i. JP Morgan Chase Bank Acct No.: xxxxx815 and xxxxx88-9
    - ii. Bank of America Acct No.: xxxxx737 and xxxxx736
  - b. American Century Investments Acct No. xxxxx373
2. Additional information needed if the trust's real property was occupied during the accounting period. [\\*Addressed in Supplemental filed on 4/11/25](#)

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

Appearance required.

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**CASE#:** 25PR-00064

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Delbert Keith Moss

**THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:**

Continued from March 24, 2025 re: Trial Readiness Conference

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

- 1. Competing Petition filed on March 18, 2025 by Michael Moss:**
  - a. No Proof of Publication with the corresponding signed affidavit.  
Prob Code §8121, §8124
  - b. Proof of Service reflecting Notice to all heirs is deficient with only 5 days' notice.  
Prob Code §8100, §8110
- 2. Amended Petition filed on April 8, 2025 by Cameron Jantz and Lonnie Moss:**
  - a. No Notice to all heirs, beneficiaries & executors. Prob Code §8100, §8110
  - b. Petitioner Cameron Jantz is now identified as a non-biological grandson. Who is the parent of Cameron Jantz? Was the Petitioner legally adopted?

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

Appearance required. The parties to appear and advise the Court if they are prepared for trial on May 5, 2025.

(End of Tentative Rulings)