

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, March 25, 2026  
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#:** 16PR-00164

**CASE NAME:** Conservatorship of Christopher Borba

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

1. Fourth Account and Report of Co-Conservators; Petition to Approve Account, For Reimbursement of Costs and for Allowance of Fees to Attorney
2. Fifth Account and Report of Co-Conservators; Petition to Approve Account, For Reimbursement of Costs and for Allowance of Fees to Attorney

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

1. Court's discretion concerning counsel's request for fees in the 5<sup>th</sup> accounting are "just and reasonable" for the work completed during the conservatorship period. Prob Code §2642
2. Court Investigator Fees in the amount of \$450.00 to be assessed per Probate Code 1851.5.

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

Appearance required.

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**CASE#:** 24PR-00281

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Kathy Lynette Roy

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

Continued from February 11, 2026 re: Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate

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

1. A Petition for Final Account or Status Report has not been filed.  
Prob Code §12200-12201

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

Appearance required. The Administrator to advise the Court on the current case status and the filing of a Petition for Final Distribution.

**CASE#:** 25PR-00002

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Gloria Campbell

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

Continued from August 8, 2025 re: Status Hearing

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

None.

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

No appearance required. A Status Report was filed on March 2, 2026 informing the Court that the related civil case remains in litigation. The Status Hearing is hereby continued to April 26, 2027 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

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**CASE#:** 25PR-00298

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Consuelo S. Vojta

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

Continued from October 22, 2025 re: Status Hearing ensuring the filing of an Inventory and Appraisal

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

1. The Status Report filed on March 4, 2026 does not reflect any notice was provided to the Department of Health Care Services who filed a Request for Special Notice concerning all matters on December 5, 2025.  
Prob Code §1250 (c)(5)

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

No appearance required. An Inventory and Appraisal was filed on February 17, 2026. A Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate is hereby set for November 30, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10. Counsel to provide notice of the March 4, 2026 Status Report to the Department of Health Care Service with appropriate Proof of Service filed with the Court.

**CASE#:** 25PR-00259

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Macrina Medina

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

First and Final Report of Administrator and Petition for Final Distribution on Account, for Payment of Costs and Statutory Fees to Attorney and Administrator, and For Reserve

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

None.

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

No appearance required. The *First and Final Report of Administrator and Petition for Final Distribution on Account, for Payment of Costs and Statutory Fees to Attorney and Administrator, and For Reserve* is approved. A Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate is hereby set for July 13, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

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**CASE#:** 25PR-00386

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Dennis Grant Snapp

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

Continued from October 23, 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 required. An Inventory and Appraisal was filed on March 5, 2026. A Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate is hereby set for November 30, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

**CASE#:** 25PR-00415

**CASE NAME:**

In the Matter of the Robert E & Beatrice Joyce Ellington Family Living Trust, dated June 5, 2001 Trust

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

Continued from January 29, 2026 re: Petition for Order Compelling Accounting, For Surcharge of Trustee, And Suspension and Removal of Trustee

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

1. Petition involves parties and possible causes of action that were subject to or related to litigation in Santa Clara County Superior Court. The Santa Clara Superior Court case has not been received by the Merced Superior Court as per the Change of Venue Motion granted on May 16, 2024 by Santa Clara County Superior Court Judge Takaichi.
2. A copy of the Trust document has not been attached to the Petition.
3. The Trustee Deborah Burkart has not filed an Answer as directed by the Court on March 18, 2026.

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

Appearance required.

(End of Tentative Rulings)