

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. Updates to the Probate Examiner's Notes typically will be posted 3 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 notify that documents have been filed, 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 or status of orders 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.

Superior Court of California, County of Merced  
PROBATE CALENDAR  
HONORABLE: Donald Proietti

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DATE: Wednesday, May 1, 2024  
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#:** 15PR-00112

**CASE NAME:** Conservatorship of Lydia Deen

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

Continued from February 7, 2024 re: Petition for Fifth Account and Report of Conservator; Sixth and Final Account and Report; Petition for Fees

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

1. Fifth Accounting:
  - a. Summary of Account contains incorrect cash amounts for the Property on Hand at Beginning of Accounting Period. **\*Corrected**
  - b. Non-Cash assets at beginning of accounting period – value of jewelry does not match the ending value for the jewelry reflected in the previous Fourth accounting period. **\*Corrected**
  - c. Additional information needed concerning entry in the amount of \$4,473.99 described as “less investments in Errata and Cash Reconciliation (page 21) **\*Corrected**
2. What is the distribution plan for the conservatee’s estate assets? Did the Conservatee have an estate plan? **\*newly noted for the 5/1/24 hearing**

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

Appearance required.

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**CASE#:** 23PR-00071

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Glen R. Denny

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

Continued from February 22, 2024 re: Status Hearing

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

1. An Ex Parte Petition For Final Discharge And Order (DE-295) has not been submitted. Prob Code §12250

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

Appearance required. Counsel to provide the Court with a status on filing of the Ex Parte Petition for Final Discharge.

**CASE#:** P23645

**CASE NAME:** Conservatorship of Virginia Santos Rojas

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

1. Continued from February 7, 2024 re: Status/Closing/Distribution of the Estate
2. Request for Order to Distribute Conservatorship Funds, For Release of Surety on its Bond, For Discharge of Conservator and For Attorney Fees

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

None.

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

Appearance required.

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**CASE#:** PR000465

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Larry Dale Souza, Jr.

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

Continued from January 4, 2024 re: Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate

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

1. Distributive Receipts and an Ex Parte Petition For Final Discharge And Order (DE-295) have not been submitted. Prob Code §§11753, 12250

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

Appearance required. Counsel to provide the Court with a status on filing of the Distributive Receipts and Ex Parte Petition for Final Discharge.

(End of Tentative Rulings)