

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: Wednesday, May 28, 2025
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-00020

CASE NAME: Estate of Gordon Muller

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Petition for Final Distribution on Waiver of Accounting

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

1. Proof of Service reflecting Notice to all heirs has not been filed.
Prob Code §§11000, 1220

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

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CASE#: 24PR-00207

CASE NAME: Estate of Mohammed Imtiaz

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from March 26, 2028 re: Status Review Hearing on Filing of an Inventory and Appraisal

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES AND/OR DEFICIENCIES IN THE PAPERS WERE PREVIOUSLY 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 current case status.

CASE#: 24PR-00353

CASE NAME: Estate of Sandra Barker

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from December 19, 2025 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. Counsel to advise the Court on filing of an Inventory and Appraisal.

CASE#: 24PR-00455

CASE NAME: Estate of Manuel Perez

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from December 19, 2025 re: Status of Filing 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 December 31, 2024. A Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate is hereby set for January 21, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

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CASE#: 24PR-00456

CASE NAME: Estate of Chris Patrick Manshack

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from December 19, 2025 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. Counsel to advise the Court on filing of an Inventory and Appraisal.

CASE#: 25PR-00045

CASE NAME: Estate of William DeGallery, Jr.

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from April 21, 2025 re: Petition for Letters of Special Administration with Full IAEA Authority.

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

1. No Notice to all heirs, beneficiaries & executors. Prob Code §8100, §8110, CRC 7.52(a) **Proof of Service filed on 3/12/25 is improper as it reflects service effectuated by the Petitioner. CCP §1013a.(3) *Proof of Service was filed on 5/7/25 – Clarification needed if the document served on interested parties was the Fourth Amended Petition.*
2. Amount of proposed bond is insufficient for the value of the estate and the Petitioner's request for Full IAEA Authority. Prob Code §8482 **Addressed*
3. No Proof of Publication with the corresponding signed affidavit. Prob Code §8545, 8003(b), 8121, §8124 **Corrected*
4. Duties & Liabilities Acknowledgment signed by each personal representative has not been filed. Prob Code §8404(a) **Corrected*
5. Proposed Letters and Order for Probate has not been lodged. Prob Code §8006, §8400 **Lodged 3/17/25*

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

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CASE#: 25PR-00102

CASE NAME: Estate of Sherri Marie Snyder

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from April 21, 2025 re: Spousal Property Petition

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

1. Additional information is needed to establish the community property claim. (date asset acquired, date of marriage, manner in which asset was acquired and how asset is community property, what were the decedent's assets at the time of marriage, what was the decedent's occupation, were purchases made with separate or community property funds? Were any of the assets to be transferred a gift?) Prob Code 13651(a)(3)-(4)
*Corrected
2. Court has no jurisdiction over the real property located in Mexico. *Corrected

TENTATIVE RULING:

Spousal Property Petition is approved.

CASE#: 25PR-00176

CASE NAME: Estate of Claudia Lee Menke

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Petition for Probate of Will and for Letters Testamentary

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

1. No Proof of Publication with the corresponding signed affidavit.
Prob Code §8121, §8124

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

(End of Tentative Rulings)