

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 31, 2023  
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. **To limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the court encourages remote hearings. 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#:** 22PR-00293

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Robert Gonzales

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

**THE FOLLOWING ISSUES AND/OR DEFICIENCIES IN THE PAPERS ARE NOTED:**  
None.

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

Inventory and Appraisal has been filed on May 9, 2023. Status hearing is hereby continued to February 7, 2024 at 8:15 am. No appearance necessary.

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**CASE#:** 23PR-00131

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Teresa Sandoval MacMillan

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

Petition for Administration with Full IAEA Authority

**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:**

Hearing is continued to July 5, 2023 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10 for correction of deficiencies.

**CASE#:** 23PR-00133

**CASE NAME:**

In the Matter of The Robert J. and Bette C. Gaestel Family Revocable Trust dated June 22, 1983

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

Petition by Trustee to Determine Ownership of Estate Property and for Order Authorizing and Directing Trustee to Transfer Estate Property

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

None.

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

Petition by Trustee to Determine Ownership of Estate Property and for Order Authorizing and Directing Trustee to Transfer Estate Property is granted. Counsel to submit a proposed Order.

(End of Tentative Rulings)