

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, September 13, 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. **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#:** 21PR-00052

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Marcenia Rodgers

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

Continued from July 31, 2023 re: Petition for First and Final Account and Final Distribution; Fee Request

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

1. Additional Information (receipts) needed concerning the following disbursements as reflected in Schedule C:
  - a. 7/25/22 – Ck#122- Rick Curtis (broker travel to Merced) - \$275.00
  - b. 9/29/22 – Ck#122 - Cash-House  
Preparation for Sale (Repair Budget) - \$15,155.00
  - c. 10/18/22 – Ck#126 - Cash-House  
Preparation for Sale (Repair Budget) - \$15,000.00
2. Additional Information needed concerning the reimbursement to Ricardo Curtis in the amount of \$13,967.27 as reflected in the Sellers Statement.
3. Copy of LASC order(s) reflecting the Court's approval of the reimbursed fees paid during the accounting period.

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4. Proposed distributive amount may be incorrect as the supplemental fees associated with relocation/eviction and legal contest provides for an increased 1/4<sup>th</sup> share to be distributed amongst the remaining 3 distributees.
5. Court's record reflects Objections filed by beneficiaries Anthony Slater (filed 5/6/21) and Andre Slater (filed 5/14/21) that may affect the proposed share of distributive amounts.

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

Hearing is hereby continued to October 18, 2023 at 8:15 am for correction of deficiencies.

**CASE#:** 22PR-00293

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Robert Gonzales

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

Petition for Waiver of First and Final Account and Final Distribution; Fee Request

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

None.

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

Appearance required.

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**CASE#:** 22PR-00032

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Donna Ruth Clark

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

Continued from March 13, 2023 re: Status

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

None.

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

No appearance required. Inventory and Appraisal filed on July 17, 2023. A Status Hearing is hereby set for April 17, 2024 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

(End of Tentative Rulings)