

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: James LaPorte

DATE: Wednesday, September 16, 2026
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#: 19PR-00267

CASE NAME: Estate of Kevin Allen Logan

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from May 20, 2026 re: Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES AND/OR DEFICIENCIES IN THE PAPERS WERE PREVIOUSLY 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 advise the Court on the current case status.

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CASE#: 24PR-00326

CASE NAME: Estate of Beverley Hayes

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from June 3, 2026 re: Status ensuring the Closing of the Estate

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES AND/OR DEFICIENCIES IN THE PAPERS WERE PREVIOUSLY 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 advise the Court on the current case status.

CASE#: 24PR-00373

CASE NAME: Estate of William Webb

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from July 8, 2026 re: Review of Case Status

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. Counsel to advise the Court on the current case status.

CASE#: 25PR-00279

CASE NAME: Estate of Mach Leroy Myovich

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from February 4, 2026 re: Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate

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

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

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required. Counsel to advise the Court on the current case status.

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CASE#: 26PR-00069

CASE NAME: Estate of Mary Woodward

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from March 19, 2026 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 June 18, 2026. A Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate is hereby set for April 21, 2027 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

CASE#: 26PR-00092

CASE NAME: Estate of Albert Marashino

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from April 8, 2026 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 August 13, 2026. A Status Hearing ensuring the closing of the estate is hereby set for June 10, 2027 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

CASE#: 26PR-00093

CASE NAME: Estate of Stanley A. Callan

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from April 9, 2026 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 August 3, 2026. A Status Hearing ensuring the closing of the estate is hereby set for May 13, 2027 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

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CASE#: 26PR-00116

CASE NAME: Estate of Patricia Sobrevilla

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from July 8, 2026 re: Petition to Determine Succession to Primary Residence

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

1. The Petition is missing the following attachments:
 - a. The decedent died testate and a copy of the decedent's will has not been included as Attachment 5 or 12a as required in the Petition. *
 - b. Missing the required Attachment 11. *
 - c. Missing Attachment 14 *
Prob Code §13152 *Corrected with Amended Petition filed 5/13/26
2. The Amended Petition filed on May 13, 2026 does not reflect any request for the transfer of the decedent's vehicles. Are the Petitioners seeking the transfer of the vehicles listed in the Inventory and Appraisal? *Remains for the 9/16/26 hearing
3. The attached Inventory and Appraisal is unsigned by the Petitioner and only includes an appraisal for the real property. The attachment reflecting the decedent's vehicles that do not appear to have been appraised by the Probate Referee Michael Wright.
*Inventory & Appraisal filed on 5/13/26 is unsigned by the Probate Referee Michael Wright *Remains for the 9/16/26 hearing
4. No notice has been given to all beneficiaries. Prob Code §§13152(b), 1020 *Corrected
5. A proposed Order has been lodged that is blank at item #9 that should reflect the legal description of the real property. *The proposed Order lodged on 5/13/26 is blank at items #3-#7 and does not include any request to transfer the decedent's vehicles.
*Remains for the 9/16/26 hearing

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

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Superior Court of California, County of Merced
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HONORABLE: Mason Brawley

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SPECIAL SET

CASE#: 26PR-00084

CASE NAME: Estate of Carol M. Mason

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from April 2, 2026 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 was filed on June 18, 2026. The Court approved an *Ex Parte Petition for First and Final Report of Executor on Waiver of Account and Petition for Waiver of Compensation to Executor and Allowance of Compensation to Attorneys for Ordinary Services and Costs and For Final Distribution* on August 28, 2026. A Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate is hereby set for February 3, 2027 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom TBA.

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CASE#: 26PR-00170

CASE NAME: Robert Dean Ashlock, Jr.

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from September 9, 2026 re: In Camera Hearing

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

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

(End of Tentative Rulings)