

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, September 23, 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#: 25PR-00076

CASE NAME: Estate of Baxter Johnston

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

First and Final Report of Administrator on Waiver of Account and Petition for Its Settlement, for Reimbursement of Costs Advanced by Attorneys, Allowance of Statutory and Extraordinary Compensation to Attorneys and For Final Distribution

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

1. The Petition/Final Report does not sufficiently disclose the disposition of the decedent's vehicles, trailer, and tractor identified in the Inventory and Appraisal. CRC 7.550(b)

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. The hearing is continued to October 2, 2026 at 8:15 am in Courtroom 10 for correction of the deficiency.

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CASE#: 26PR-00021

CASE NAME: Estate of Jim Alvarez Romo

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from June 24, 2026 re: Status Hearing re: Filing of an Inventory and Appraisal and Appointment of Guardian Ad Litem

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

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. The Status Hearing re: the appointment of a GAL is continued to December 17, 2026 at 8:15 am in Courtroom 10.

CASE#: 26PR-00323

CASE NAME: Estate of Maria M. Nunes

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Petition for Probate of Will and for Letters Testamentary with Full IAEA Authority

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

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. The Petition for Probate of Will and for Letters Testamentary with Full IAEA Authority with no bond required is granted. The decedent's will is admitted into Probate. Probate Referee Michael Wright is appointed. A Status Hearing ensuring the filing of an Inventory and Appraisal is hereby set for February 24, 2027 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

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CASE#: 26PR-00351

CASE NAME: In the Matter of Jordan Webb

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Petition to Establish Fact, Time, and Place of Birth

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

1. The minor's mother S. M. Hussein should be served with the Petition, supporting documents, and notice of the continued hearing with appropriate Proof of Service filed with the court. Although Health and Safety Code §103475 does not prescribe notice, the Court, in its discretion, requires additional notice to the mother pursuant to Probate Code § 1202; Health & Saf. Code, § 103475.
2. The Petitioner has not provided any information stating whether the minor's mother, S. M. Hussein, joins in, opposes, or has no known position regarding the Petition.
3. The Petition and proposed order do not identify the minor's actual place of birth, including the street address or home/birth location and city. The present allegation that the minor was born in Santa Clara County is insufficient.
Health & Saf. Code § 102425; § 103450 et seq.

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

(End of Tentative Rulings)