

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](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.

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

*\*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  
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Los Banos Division  
HONORABLE: Jennifer O. Trimble

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DATE: Thursday , February 19, 2026  
TIME: 8:30 AM  
Courtroom 12  
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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#:** 22PR-00027

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Robert Finitz

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

Petition Requesting Withdrawal of Funds from Blocked Account and Distribution to Beneficiary

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

1. Clarification how Petitioner can verify to the Court that former Minor does in fact receive any moneys withdrawn from the Blocked Account.

**PROBATE EXAMINER'S RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Appearance required.

**CASE#:** 24PR-00016

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Jose Elias Roberto Cintora, aka Jose Elias Roberto Cintora, Sr., aka J.E. Roberto Cintora, aka J. E. Roberto Cintora, Sr.

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

Continued from January 8, 2026 for Status Report or Petition for Final Distribution.

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

1. No Status Report or Petition For Final Distribution filed with the Court. Probate Code §§ 12200, 12201.

**PROBATE EXAMINER'S RECOMMENDATION:**

Appearance required.

**CASE#:** 24PR-00497

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Victoria Gale Dalton aka Victoria Gale Vincent

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

Amended Waiver of Account and Petition for Final Distribution and for Compensation for Services.

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

1. No proposed Order for Distribution submitted to the Court. Prob Code §11600

**PROBATE EXAMINER'S RECOMMENDATION:**

Recommend approving the Petition.

**CASE#:** 25PR-00049

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Mabel Mary Willmon, aka Mabel M. Willmon, aka Mabel Willmon

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

Petition To Reduce Bond.

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

1. Clarification whether Bond requested to be \$850,000 or zero.

**PROBATE EXAMINER'S RECOMMENDATION:**

Recommend approving the Petition.

**CASE#:** 25PR-00382

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Primus Jackson Johnson, III, aka Primus J. Johnson, III, aka Primus Johnson, III

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

Status of Inventory and Appraisal.

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

1. No Inventory and Appraisal filed with the Court. Probate Code § 8800

**PROBATE EXAMINER'S RECOMMENDATION:**

Appearance required.

**CASE#:** 25PR-00302

**CASE NAME:** Kevin Quinonez v. Maribel Pena

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

Continued January 20, 2026 for Status of Filing an Acknowledgement of Receipt of Order and Funds for Deposit in Blocked Account.

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

1. An Acknowledgement of Receipt of Order and Funds for Deposit in Blocked Account filed with the Court on February 3, 2026.

**PROBATE EXAMINER'S RECOMMENDATION:**

Court's discretion whether latest filing is appropriate. Appearance required.

(End of Probate Notes)