

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 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, County of Merced
Los Banos Division
HONORABLE: Jennifer O. Trimble

DATE: Thursday, February 5, 2026
TIME: 8:30 AM
Courtroom 12

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-00095

CASE NAME: In re: The Maria Alcala-Napoles Supplemental Needs Trust

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from January 27, 2026 re Accounting.

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

1. None. A Petition to Approve First Account and Report of Trustee from 08/20/2024, through 08/31/2025, to Confirm Trustee's Fees, and to Approve Attorneys' Fees has been filed, with a hearing date set for 03/11/2026 at 8:30 AM in CR12.

PROBATE EXAMINER RECOMMENDATION:

No appearance required. Recommend confirming the March 11, 2026 date set for hearing on the above Petition.

CASE#: 25PR-00204

CASE NAME: Estate of Maria Borges Gomes

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Petition of Executor for Settlement of First and Final Account & Report; Waiver of Compensation to Executor for Ordinary & Extraordinary Services; Payment of Compensation to Attorney for Ordinary and Extraordinary Services; Final Distribution.

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

Court's discretion whether Attorney's Extraordinary Compensation request satisfies the requirements of C.R.C., Rules 7.702; 7.703.

PROBATE EXAMINER'S RECOMMENDATION:

Appearance required.

CASE#: 25PR-00425

CASE NAME: Estate of Robert Louis Bartak, Jr., aka Robert L. Bartak, Jr., aka Robert Bartak, Jr., aka Bob Bartak, Jr.

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from December 5, 2025 for Petition For Probate of Will and for Letters Testamentary with Full IAEA Authority.

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

1. Original Will is not lodged with this Court. Probate Code §§8200; 12521.
2. Clarification why a Petition to Probate a Lost Will was not filed with this Court. Probate Code §8223.
3. Clarification whether Will was probated in Nevada. Prob Code §12522.
4. If Will was probated in a sister state, no authenticated copy of the Order admitting the Will to probate. Probate Code §12521.
5. Clarification why nondomiciliary Decedent's personal property is not being probated in his domiciled State of Nevada. Civil Code §946.
6. Clarification why Petition for Probate states Will is "self-proving" under California law, but Will states "the laws of Nevada" will determine the Will's validity and construction. (See Petition at Paragraph 3.f.(2) and also its attached Will at Section 7.02 on Page 6.)

PROBATE EXAMINER RECOMMENDATION:

Appearance required.

(End of Probate Notes)