

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, January 8, 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#: 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 October 7, 2025 for Status of Petition for 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#: 25PR-00163

CASE NAME: Estate of Eva Jean Ford

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from September 4, 2025 for Status of Inventory and Appraisal.

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

1. None. On October 14, 2025, an Inventory and Appraisal was filed with the Court.

PROBATE EXAMINER'S RECOMMENDATION:

No appearance required. Recommend scheduling a Review Hearing for the Status of the filing of a Petition for Final Distribution for Tuesday, April 7, 2026 at 8:30 AM in CR12.

CASE#: 25PR-00319

CASE NAME: Estate of Sharon K Diss Stevenson

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from October 16, 2025 for Petition For Probate of Lost Will and for Letters Testamentary and for Letters of Administration

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

1. Appears Petitioners filed another probate case, # 25PR-00507.

PROBATE EXAMINER'S RECOMMENDATION:

Appearance required. Petitioners to update the Court regarding the status of dismissing this case.

CASE#: 25PR-00389

CASE NAME: Estate of Lawrence Joseph Hernandez

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from November 10, 2025 for Petition For Letters of Administration

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

1. No written waiver of bond filed by surviving Spouse. Prob Code §8481(a)(2).
2. Spouse has not waived her right to priority of appointment. Prob Code §8461.
3. Spouse has not nominated Petitioners to be Administrators. Prob Code §8465; (See paragraph 3.g.(2)(b) of verified Petition.)
4. No IAEA Authority requested in the Petition. Prob Code §10451(c); CRC 7.102.
5. No Duties and Liabilities Of Personal Representative filed by Co-Petitioner Alisa Hernandez with the Court. Prob Code §8404.
6. Not all Petitioners signed the Petition For Probate. Prob Code §1020.
7. The electronic signature of Co-Petitioner Alisa Hernandez appears to be attributable to another person. Civil Code §§1633.9, 1633.15.
8. No proposed Order for Probate submitted to the Court. Prob Code §8006.

9. No Letters lodged with the Court. Prob Code §8400.
10. A Notice of Pendency of Action (Lis Pendens) was filed on November 24, 2025.
11. An Objection to the Petition for Probate was filed on January 6, 2026.

PROBATE EXAMINER'S RECOMMENDATIONS:

Appearance required. Since Petitioners filed a Lis Pendens and Decedent's spouse filed an Objection to their Petition, recommend case be transferred to CR 10 in Merced pursuant to Merced Superior Court Local Rule 1.H.1., as this is a contested probate case.

(End of Probate Notes)