

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, March 26, 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-00464

CASE NAME: Estate of Thomas Edward Horan

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Amended Petition For Letters of Administration with Full IAEA Authority

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

1. No request for any person(s) to be Administrator. (See Amended Petition for Probate filed 03/09/2026 ("Petition") at Paragraph 2.b.)
2. No address for Decedent at time of death. (See Petition at Paragraph 3.c.)
3. No relationships of Decedent listed. (See Petition at Paragraph 8.)
4. No signature of Co-Petitioner. (See Petition at bottom of Page 4.)
5. No Proof of Publication filed regarding hearing on Petition. Probate Code §8120.

CASE#: 25PR-00508

CASE NAME: Estate of Laura Michelle Fabela

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from February 3, 2026 for Amended Petition For Probate of Will and for Letters Testamentary.

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

1. No copy of Will attached to the Amended Petition for Probate. Prob §8002.
2. No original Will lodged with the Court. Prob §8200.
3. No request for IAEA authority in Petition's Caption. C.R.C., Rule 7.102.
4. No Proof of Service of Notice of Petition to Administer Estate filed with the Court. Probate Code §8100.
5. No proof of publication of Notice of Petition to Administer Estate filed with the Court. Probate Code §8120.
6. No heir listed on Amended Petition who is related to the Decedent as a "spouse" or "husband." Probate Code §8002(a)(3).
7. Petitioner's signature on the Amended Petition for Probate ("Petition") is not a valid electronic signature. California Rules of Court ("C.R.C."), Rule 2.257.
8. Petitioner not nominated by person having priority. Prob Code §8465.
9. No character, estimated value, or other information regarding pending lawsuit in which Decedent may have a claim. Probate Code §8002(a)(4).
10. No proposed Order for Probate submitted to the Court. Probate Code §8400.
11. No Letters submitted to the Court. Probate Code §8400.
12. No Duties and Liabilities of Personal Representative and Acknowledgement of Receipt filed by Petitioner. Probate Code §8404.

PROBATE EXAMINER'S RECOMMENDATION:

Appearance required.

(End of Probate Notes)