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

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DATE: Thursday, October 15, 2026
TIME: 9:00 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#:** 23PR-00060

**CASE NAME**: Estate of Andres Robledo Ybarra

**THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:**
First and Final Account and Report of Executor and Petition for Approval Thereof, For Orders For 1) Payment of Executor's Compensation, 2) Payment of the Statutory Attorney's Fees and Costs, 3) Payment of Attorney's Extraordinary Fees, 4) Payment of Executor's Out-Of-Pocket Expenses, 5) Payment of Adam Ybarra's Out-Of-Pocket Expenses, 6) Payment of Gabriel Gaona's Out-Of-Pocket Expenses, 7) For Lionel Ybarra's Out-Of-Pocket Expenses, and 8) Final Distribution.

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

1. Whether Petitioner should have served Notice of Hearing on Manuel Olivas, an Heir in Estate of Virginia Tarango Olivas; 23PR-00061, as he is a person interested in the outcome of this Estate. Probate Code §12201(b).
2. Petition is devoid of legal authority allowing Petitioner to have the Estate pay for the cash settlement *or attorney fees* incurred for her alleged fraud and other wrongdoings, including the alleged conduct of other Co-Defendants, in Civil Case No.: 25CV-00450, Caroline Meraz v. Hilda Gaona, et al.

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3. Clarification whether other Co-Defendants named in Case No.: 25CV-00450, Caroline Meraz v. Hilda Gaona, et al., contributed or reimbursed any money for settlement payment and costs.
4. Clarification why Estate is paying Adam Ybarra's real estate attorney fees. (See Schedule G of Petition.)
5. Clarification why Estate is paying Gabriel Gaona's real estate attorney fees. (See Schedule G of Petition.)
6. Clarification why Estate is paying Lionel Ybarra's real estate attorney fees. (See Schedule G of Petition.)
7. Clarification why Petitioner did not inform the Court in the Petition For Order Approving Settlement Agreement filed 2/19/2026 that Petitioner had incurred over $20,000 in attorney fees in the Civil lawsuit and would seek reimbursement from the Estate(s).
8. Whether the Court should reduce the compensation of the Executor and/or her attorney. Probate Code §12205.
9. Clarification why Petition states Adam Ybarra is seeking $54,243.04 for reimbursement re preventing foreclosure, yet that amount is not listed in the prayer of the Petition. (See page 3 and 9 of the Petition.)
10. Review of the Petition and Account is ongoing.

**PROBATE EXAMINER'S RECOMMENDATION:**
Appearance required.

**CASE#:** 25PR-00464

**CASE NAME**: Estate of Thomas Edward Horan

**THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:**
Continued from August 18, 2026 for Status of filing an Inventory and Appraisal.

**THE CONTINUING ISSUES AND/OR DEFICIENCIES IN THE PAPERS ARE NOTED:**
1. No Inventory and Appraisal filed within four months after Letters issued to the Administrator. Probate Code §8800.

**PROBATE EXAMINER'S RECOMMENDATION**:
Appearance required.

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**CASE#:** 26PR-00171

**CASE NAME**: Estate of Robert MacMillan Gomes

**THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON**:
Continued on 5/28/26 for Review Hearing re Status of filing an Inventory and Appraisal.

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

1. Bond of Administrator for $1.05M furnished to the Court on 6/9/2026.
2. Request for Special Notice filed on 6/17/2026 is missing Proof of Service that said Request was mailed to Administrator's attorney. Probate Code §1250(e).
3. Inventory and Appraisal filed on 9/3/2026.
4. Status Report of Administration filed 9/16/2026 states house is being prepared for sale and Administrator requests a continuance of six months.

**PROBATE EXAMINER'S RECOMMENDATIONS**:
Appearance required.

(End of Probate Notes)