

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: Tuesday, August 18, 2026
TIME: 9:00 AM & 1:30 PM
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-00320

CASE NAME: Estate of John Anthony Amabile, III aka John A. Amabile, III
aka John Amabile, III

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from June 16, 2026 for Status of Ex Parte Petition for Final Discharge.

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

1. No Ex Parte Petition For Final Discharge submitted. Probate Code §12250.

PROBATE EXAMINER'S RECOMMENDATIONS:

Appearance required.

CASE#: 25PR-00464

CASE NAME: Estate of Thomas Edward Horan

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from March 26, 2026 for a Status Review Hearing.

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THE FOLLOWING 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 RECOMMENDATIONS:

Appearance required.

CASE#: 25PR-00507

CASE NAME: Estate of Sharon K. Diss Stevenson aka Sharon Stevenson aka Sharon Diss

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from June 18, 2026 for Status of the Inventory and Appraisal.

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

1. A Partial No. 2 Inventory and Appraisal ("I&A") was filed on June 30, 2026.
Filing partial I&As may be appropriate under some circumstances, but all I&As shall be filed within four months after Letters issued. Probate Code §8800(c).

PROBATE EXAMINER'S RECOMMENDATION:

Appearance required. Counsel to update Court regarding the status of marshaling the assets of the estate.

1:30 PM PROBATE CALENDAR

CASE#: 26PR-00125

CASE NAME: In Re The Matter of Jarek A Mendez, a Minor.

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Status of the filing of an Acknowledgment of Receipt of Order and Funds for Deposit in Blocked Account.

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

1. None. An appropriate Acknowledgment Of Receipt Of Order And Funds For Deposit In Blocked Account was filed with the Court on 8/11/2026.

PROBATE EXAMINER'S RECOMMENDATION:

No appearance required.

(End of Probate Notes)