

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, February 24, 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-00141

CASE NAME: Julissa Rodriguez v. Infinity Insurance Company

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from January 22, 2026 for Review Hearing for the Status of Filing an Acknowledgement of Receipt of Order and Funds for Deposit in Blocked Account.

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

1. An Acknowledgement of Receipt of Order and Funds for Deposit in Blocked Account is not filed with the Court. CRC, Rule 7.953(a)

PROBATE EXAMINER RECOMMENDATION:

Appearance required.

CASE#: 25PR-00464

CASE NAME: Estate of Thomas Edward Horan

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from January 6, 2026 for Petition For Letters of Administration

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

1. No request for IAEA authority in Petition's title. CA Rules of Court, Rule 7.102.
2. No character and estimated value of property of the Estate listed in the Petition. Probate Code §8002(a)(4); (See also paragraph 3 of Petition.)
3. No written waiver of bond by all beneficiaries. Probate Code §8481. **Corrected.*
4. No Proof of Service of mailing of Notice of Hearing. Probate Code §8110.
5. No Proof of Publication filed. Probate Code §8120. **Corrected but defective.*
6. Letters submitted to the Court unsigned. Probate Code §8403. **Corrected*
7. Proof of Publication filed February 17, 2026 lists dates of publication that had not occurred at time execution. C.C.P. §2010; Probate Code §8124.
8. Proof of Publication filed February 17, 2026 has a signature of the Declarant stating they executed the document on February 25, 2026. C.C.P. §2015.5.
9. Proof of Publication filed February 17, 2026 has first publication date not at least 15 days before the hearing. Probate Code §8121(a).
10. Proof of Publication filed February 17, 2026 lacks mandatory language regarding examining file, special notice, name and address of Petitioner. Prob Code §8100.

CASE#: 25PR-00504

CASE NAME: Estate of Fernando Rodrigues Carapinha, aka Fernando R. Carapinha, aka Fernando Carapinha

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from January 27, 2026 for Petition For Probate of Will and for Letters Testamentary with Full IAEA Authority.

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

1. None.

PROBATE EXAMINER'S RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend approving the Petition.

(End of Probate Notes)