

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, January 13, 2026
TIME: 8:30 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#: 23PR-00196

CASE NAME: Estate of Mary E. Granman

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from June 10, 2025 for Review Hearing for Status of Ex Parte Petition for Final Discharge.

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

1. No Ex Parte Petition for Final Discharge filed with the Court. Prob Code §12250.

PROBATE EXAMINER'S RECOMMENDATION:

Appearance required.

CASE#: 24PR-00132

CASE NAME: Estate of Josefina Montez Rodriguez, aka Josefina M. Rodriguez, Josefina Rodriguez, aka Josefina Montez

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from October 29, 2025 for Status of Petition for Final Distribution

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

1. No Petition For Final Distribution or Status Report filed with the Court. Probate Code §12200.

PROBATE EXAMINER'S RECOMMENDATIONS:

Appearance required.

CASE#: 24PR-00254

CASE NAME: Estate of Melpomeni Primrose

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Waiver Of Account And Report Of Executor, Petition For Allowance Of Statutory Compensation To Attorneys For Ordinary Services, Costs Advanced By Attorneys, Closing Costs, Final Taxes And Accountant's Fees, And For Final Distribution.

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

1. Proposed Order for Final Distribution submitted to the Court on December 30, 2025 erroneously states Petitioner was granted full authority to administer the Estate under the IAEA. (See page 2, line 13; Order for Probate filed 08/14/2024.)

PROBATE EXAMINER'S RECOMMENDATION:

Appearance required.

CASE NAME: Estate of Leon Rippee

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from October 29, 2025 for Status of Petition for Final Distribution.

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

1. No Petition for Final Distribution filed with the Court. Probate Code § 12200 .

PROBATE EXAMINER'S RECOMMENDATION:

Appearance required.

CASE#: 24PR-00497

CASE NAME: Estate of Victoria Gale Dalton aka Victoria Gale Vincent

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from September 18, 2025 for Status of Petition for Final Distribution.

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

1. No Petition for Final Distribution filed with the Court. Probate Code §11600.

PROBATE EXAMINER'S RECOMMENDATION:

Appearance required.

1:30 PM PROBATE CALENDAR

CASE#: 25PR-00473

CASE NAME: In Re: The Disputed Claim of Serenity Perez, A Minor

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from January 6, 2026 for Petition For Approval Of Compromise Of Claim Or Action Or Disposition Of Proceeds Of Judgment For Minor Or Person With A Disability.

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

1. None.

PROBATE EXAMINER'S RECOMMENDATION:

Appearance required.

(End of Probate Notes)