

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](mailto: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: Tuesday, June 16, 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#:** 24PR-00476

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Peggy L. Fairbank

**THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:**

First And Final Report Of Administrator On Waiver Of Account And Petition For Allowance Of Compensation To Administrator For Ordinary Services And To Attorney For Ordinary Services And Extraordinary Services And For Payment Of Creditor's Claims And For Final Distribution.

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

1. None.

**PROBATE EXAMINER'S RECOMMENDATION:**

Recommend approving the Petition.

**CASE#:** 17PR-00409

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Connie Szuwalski

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**THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:**

Continued from May 12, 2026 for Status of Petition for Final Distribution.

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

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

**PROBATE EXAMINER'S RECOMMENDATION:**

Appearance required.

**CASE#:** 24PR-00003

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Bobby Eugene Hubble, a.k.a. Bobby E. Hubble

**THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:**

Continued from April 16, 2026 for Hearing re Status of Closure of the Estate.

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

1. No Receipts or Ex Parte Petition for Final Discharge submitted to the Court. Probate 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 March 17, 2026 for Petition for Final Distribution or Status Report.

**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.

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**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 April 16, 2026 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 submitted. Probate Code §12250.

**PROBATE EXAMINER'S RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Appearance required.

**CASE#:** 24PR-00370

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Leon Rippee

**THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:**

Continued from March 24, 2026 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; 12201.

**PROBATE EXAMINER'S RECOMMENDATION:**

Appearance required.

**CASE#:** 24PR-00390

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Terry Lee Brown, aka Terry Lee Brown, Sr., aka Terry L.  
Brown, aka Terry Brown

**THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:**

Continued from April 16, 2026 for Status of filing a Petition for Final Distribution.

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

1. No Petition for Final Distribution filed with the Court. Prob Code §§11640; 12540.

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

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