

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, March 10, 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#: 23PR-00366

CASE NAME: Estate of Billy Everett Wyrick aka Bill Everett Wyrick aka Bill Wyrick

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued on February 26, 2026 for Status of Petition for Distribution or Status Report.

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

1. None. A Fourth Status Conference Report was filed on February 17, 2026.

PROBATE EXAMINER'S RECOMMENDATION:

Counsel to appear and update the Court regarding the status of the Estate.

CASE#: 25PR-00127

CASE NAME: Estate of Jimmy Wayne Dueval, aka Jim Dueval

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued From December 18, 2025 for Status Review Hearing.

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

1. A Second Amended Inventory and Appraisal was filed on February 26, 2026.

PROBATE EXAMINER'S RECOMMENDATION:

Administrator to appear and update the Court regarding the status of the Estate.

CASE#: 25PR-00194

CASE NAME: Estate of James Aragona, aka Jim Aragona

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from January 5, 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 with the Court. Probate Code § 8800.

PROBATE EXAMINER'S RECOMMENDATIONS:

Appearance required.

CASE#: 25PR-00364

CASE NAME: Estate of James Hill aka James Winans Hill

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from October 20, 2026 for Status of an Inventory and Appraisal.

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

1. No Inventory and Appraisal filed. Probate Code §8800. A Report As To Status Of Estate was filed on February 27, 2026.

PROBATE EXAMINER'S RECOMMENDATION:

Appearance required. .

(End of Probate Notes)