

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, May 20, 2025
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-00063

CASE NAME: Estate of Gilberto Arellano a.k.a Gilberto Belmonte

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from April 30, 2025 re Status of Filing a Petition For Final Distribution or Status Report and for Motion to be Relieved as Counsel

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

1. None regarding Motion to Withdraw as Counsel.
2. No Petition for Final Distribution or Status Report filed. Prob Code §12200.

PROBATE EXAMINER RECOMMENDATION:

Appearance required. Recommend granting the Motion to be Relieved as Counsel. Schedule a Review Hearing for the Status of a Petition for Final Distribution for July 1, 2025 at 8:30 AM in Courtroom 12.

CASE#: 24PR-00152

CASE NAME: Estate of Kevin Sartor aka Kevin Lee Sartor

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from March 13, 2025 for Amended Inventory and Appraisal, Accounting, and 2nd Amended Petition for Final Distribution

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

1. Schedule K contains a math error. Attorney fees and costs are not deducted from the amount of money proposed to be disbursed to the Distributees.
2. No proposed Order submitted to the Court. Prob Code §11603.

PROBATE EXAMINER'S RECOMMENDATION:

Appearance required.

(End of Probate Notes)