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: David Moranda

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DATE: Tuesday, October 27, 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#**: 25PR-00425

**CASE NAME**: Estate of Robert Louis Bartak, Jr., aka Robert L. Bartak, Jr., aka Robert Bartak, Jr., aka Bob Bartak, Jr.

**THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON**:
Continued from August 27, 2026 for Petition For Probate of Will and for Letters Testamentary with Full IAEA Authority.

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

1. No Petition for Probate filed with the Court that includes the required contents obtained from the sister state probate case. Probate Code §12521.

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

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**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 August 27, 2026 for Status of 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. Probate Code §11600.

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

**CASE#:** 26PR-00387

**CASE NAME**: Estate of Birdell Henry

**THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:**
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. Clarification why copy of Will attached to the Petition for Probate was obtained from the Fresno Superior Court.
2. Original Will not lodged with the Merced Superior Court. Probate Code §8200.
3. No Proof of Publication filed with the Court. Probate Code §8214.
4. No proof of service of Notice of Hearing to Administer the Estate mailed to interested parties. Probate Code §8100.
5. No Duties & Liabilities Acknowledgment filed. Probate Code §8404(a).
6. No Confidential Statement of Birthdate & DL# filed. Probate Code §8404(b).
7. No proposed Order submitted to the Court Probate Code §8006.
8. No proposed Letters submitted to the Court. Probate Code §8400.

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

End of Probate Notes