

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, September 1, 2026
TIME: 9:00 AM
Courtroom 12

PROBATE CALENDAR

CASE#: 25PR-00032

CASE NAME: In The Matter of Lucille Marie Downey

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

First Account And Petition For Approval By Trustee Of The Chester And Lucille Downey Trust.

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

1. First Account And Petition For Approval By Trustee does not describe changes in the form of assets. Namely, the depletion of the cash assets on hand at the beginning of account period (\$19,353.57) compared to the cash assets on hand at the end of the account period (\$537.11). Probate Code §1064(a)(1).

PROBATE EXAMINER'S RECOMMENDATION:

Appearance required.

CASE#: 25PR-00476

CASE NAME: Estate of Herogildo Placheta aka Herogildo Torio Placheta

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from May 5, 2026 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.

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.