

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 15, 2026
TIME: 9:00 AM & 1:30 PM
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#: 25PR-00265

CASE NAME: The Andrea Carroll Linneman Living Trust Dated September 29, 2022

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued on 02/17/2026 for Petition For Order Confirming Property Held In Trust.

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

1. Clarification regarding why Exhibit D has a stand-alone list of APN numbers not correlating to any particular properties. (See page 4.)
2. Clarification regarding why Exhibit C-1 shows "Jack Sanguinetti, as Trustee for Andrea Carroll Linneman" possesses the named properties.
3. Clarification regarding why Exhibit C-2 is devoid of showing Andrea Carroll Linneman is in possession of any of the named properties.
4. Clarification regarding why Exhibit C-3 shows "Jack Sanguinetti, as Trustee for Andrea Carroll Linneman" possesses the named property.
5. Clarification regarding why Exhibit C-4 shows "Jack Sanguinetti, as Trustee for Andrea Carroll Linneman" possesses the named property.
6. Clarification regarding why Exhibit C-5 shows "Lawrence Michael Linneman III, sole trustee of the Linneman Irrevocable Intervivos Trust of February 1, 1963 for Andrea Carroll Linneman" possesses the named property.

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7. Clarification regarding why Exhibit C-6 shows “Jack Sanguinetti, as Trustee for Andrea Carroll Linneman” possesses the named property.
8. Clarification regarding why Exhibit C-7 and C-8 is devoid of showing Andrea Carroll Linneman is in possession of any of the named properties.
9. Clarification regarding why other trusts found in the documents contained in the Exhibits are not in rightful possession of the properties listed in Exhibit D.
10. Clarification regarding why Petitioner did not seek legal recourse against other trusts named in the Petition to assert any rights to the properties.
11. Clarification regarding why laches is not applicable to this case.
12. Exhibit B is missing page 2 of Decedent’s Will.

PROBATE EXAMINER’S RECOMMENDATION:

Appearance required, discretion of the Court. [Counsel filed a request for continuance.]

CASE#: 26PR-00062

CASE NAME: In the Matter of The Testamentary Trust Created Under The Will Of D.J. Serpilio, Deceased.

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from June 9, 2026 for Petition For Order Appointing Successor Trustee.

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

1. Clarification why the Order And Decree Of Final Distribution Of Estate (“Order”), filed May 17, 1982 in Merced Superior Court Case No. P16742, Estate of Dominic Serpilio, and attached as Exhibit A to the Petition For Order Appointing Successor Trustee (“Petition”), is not valid.
2. Clarification why Petition requests to validate the testamentary trust, when Decedent’s Will (Exhibit B) containing the testamentary trust was admitted into probate and estate property was distributed to Co-Trustees according to the testamentary trust language contained in the Will. Prob §15200(c); See Order.
3. Clarification why Petition requests the same order to distribute the real property named “Parcel 1” to the Co-Trustees, when that distribution was already made in the Order filed May 17, 1982.
4. Clarification why the distribution of Parcel 1 to Co-Trustees in the Order dated May 17, 1982 does not render this §850 petition moot.
5. Clarification why Petitioner is not seeking the same order for Parcel 2.
6. Clarification why Wife’s death in 1997 did not terminate the Testamentary Trust. (See Exhibit B, Decedent’s Will, Seventh clause, subsection (b).)
7. Clarification of status of any probate case(s) regarding Decedent’s Wife.

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8. Clarification why no attorney of record on Wife's probate cases, if any, has not been given notice of this Petition.
9. Clarification whether any distribution of any assets have occurred in accordance with Wife's last Will. (See Ex. B, Decedent's Will, Seventh clause, in (b).)
10. Clarification of terms of Wife's latest Will, as contained in a copy.
11. Clarification of current Owner(s) of Parcel 1, as contained in a copy of the Deed.

PROBATE EXAMINER'S RECOMMENDATION:

Appearance required.

CASE#: 26PR-00083

CASE NAME: Estate of Benjamin Joseph Todd, aka Benjamin J. Todd, aka Benjamin Todd, aka Bennie Todd

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from 04/13/26 for a Status Hearing re filing of the Inventory and Appraisal.

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

1. No Letters have issued since Order for Probate filed. Probate Code §8403.
2. No Bond furnished to the Court. Probate Code §8480.

PROBATE EXAMINER'S RECOMMENDATION:

Appearance required. Counsel to update Court why Petitioner has not accepted the office of Administrator.

CASE#: 26PR-00288

CASE NAME: Estate of Yolanda Josephine Rodriguez, aka Yolanda J. Rodriguez, aka Yolanda Rodriguez

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. None.

PROBATE EXAMINER'S RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend approving the Petition.

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1:30 PM PROBATE CALENDAR

CASE#: 26PR-00034

CASE NAME: In the Matter of Diana Benizer Madrigal

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from June 23, 2026 for Review Hearing regarding the Status of the filing of an Acknowledgement of Receipt of Order and Funds for Deposit in Blocked Account.

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

1. No Acknowledgement of Receipt of Order and Funds for Deposit in Blocked Account filed with the Court. Probate Code §3611.

PROBATE EXAMINER'S RECOMMENDATION:

Appearance required.

(End of Probate Notes)