

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 29, 2026
TIME: 9:00 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#: 24PR-00016

CASE NAME: Estate of Jose Elias Roberto Cintora, aka Jose Elias Roberto Cintora, Sr., aka J.E. Roberto Cintora, aka J. E. Roberto Cintora, Sr.

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

1. Status of any Successor Administrator Petitions;
2. Petition To Approve The First Account Of Administrator Monica Ramos CLPF.

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

1. The office of personal representative is vacant. Probate Code §8520.
2. No person(s) have filed a Petition to be appointed the Successor Personal Representative. Probate Code §8522(b).
3. The settlement of the Account(s) of the resigned Personal Representative may be appropriate after delivery of all of the Decedent's estate to the Successor Personal Representative. Probate Code §8525(b).
4. Heir M. Iniguez, who, by and through her attorney, previously filed a Petition to Remove Personal Representative, has no filings upon which the Court may rule. Probate Code §8522(b).
5. Heir M. Cintora, who previously filed a Request to Continue the last hearing in CR12 in order to retain counsel and make appropriate filings, has no filings upon which the Court may rule. Probate Code §8522(b).

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PROBATE EXAMINER'S RECOMMENDATION:

Appearance required.

CASE#: 24PR-00370

CASE NAME: Estate of Leon Rippee

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from June 16, 2026 for Status of Petition for Final Distribution.

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

1. No Petition for Final Distribution or Status Report filed. Probate Code §12200.

PROBATE EXAMINER'S RECOMMENDATION:

Appearance required.

CASE#: 25PR-00280

CASE NAME: Estate of Cheryl Arlene Bertao

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from May 7, 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 or Status Report filed. Probate Code §12200.

PROBATE EXAMINER RECOMMENDATION:

Appearance required.

CASE#: 25PR-00508

CASE NAME: Estate of Laura Michelle Fabela

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from May 12, 2026 for Status of the filing of an Inventory and Appraisal.

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

1. No Inventory and Appraisal filed with the Court. Probate Code §8800.

PROBATE EXAMINER'S RECOMMENDATION:

Appearance required.

CASE#: 26PR-00319

CASE NAME: Estate of Maria G. Flores, aka Maria Gabiana Flores Carrion

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Petition For Letters of Administration with Full IAEA Authority.

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

1. No proposed Order for Probate submitted to the Court. Probate Code §8400.
2. No Letters lodged with the Clerk's Office. Probate Code §8403.

PROBATE EXAMINER'S RECOMMENDATION:

Appearance required. Recommend approving the Petition.

CASE#: 26PR-00337

CASE NAME: Estate of Scott Michael

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Petition For Letters of Administration with Full IAEA Authority.

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

1. Sibling did not nominate Petitioner, but waived Bond requirement.
2. No Proof of Publication. Probate Code §8120.
3. No Letters lodged with the Clerk's Office. Probate Code §8403.

PROBATE EXAMINER'S RECOMMENDATION:

Appearance required.

(End of Probate Notes)