

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](mailto: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

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DATE: Wednesday, January 14, 2026  
TIME: 8:30 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#:** 23PR-00379

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Rose Marie Cavanah, aka Rose M. Cavanah, aka Rose Cavanah

**THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:**

Continued from October 30, 2025 for Status of the Ex Parte Petition for Final Discharge.

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

1. No Ex Parte Petition for Final Discharge submitted to the Court. Prob. §12250.

**PROBATE EXAMINER'S RECOMMENDATION:**

Appearance required.

**CASE#:** 23PR-00417

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Natividad Cornejo Sr. aka Natividad Cornejo  
aka Natividad Cornejo Sanchez

**THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:**

Continued from November 19, 2025 for Status of Ex Parte Petition for Final Discharge.

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

1. No Ex Parte Petition for Final Discharge submitted to the Court. Prob §12250.

**PROBATE EXAMINER'S RECOMMENDATION:**

Appearance required.

**CASE#:** 25PR-00077

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Kathleen Josephine Carlson Fraser aka Kathleen Josephine Carlson aka Kathleen Josephine Fraser

**THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:**

Continued from January 6, 2026 for First and Final Report of Executor and Petition for its Settlement, For Allowance of Attorneys' Statutory Fees, and for Final Distribution of Decedent's Estate on Waiver of Accounting.

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

1. The named Trustee's written acceptance of the trust is not filed with the Court. Probate Code §10954(b)(4). [\\*Corrected 01/05/2026.](#)
2. The Estate is not in a condition to be closed, as attorney fees and costs, and Petitioner's reimbursement of costs are not adequately provided for. Probate Code §11640.
3. The Personal Representative cannot pay the attorney fees requested from the Estate. Probate Code §10831(d).
4. Supplement to Final Distribution filed with the Court on January 6, 2026.

**PROBATE EXAMINER'S RECOMMENDATION:**

Appearance required.

(End of Probate Notes)