

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 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, status of orders, Zoom links or remote appearances 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
- Petition for Special Immigrant Juvenile Findings

**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
PROBATE/CONSERVATORSHIP CALENDAR
HONORABLE: Mark Bacciarini

DATE: Wednesday, May 14, 2025
TIME: 8:15 AM
Courtroom 10

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-00073

CASE NAME: Estate of Mary Lou Cortez

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Petition for Final Distribution and Waiver of Account, First and Final Report of Administrator, and Petition for Compensation of Statutory Fees and Costs to Administrator and Attorney

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

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. The *Petition for Final Distribution and Waiver of Account, First and Final Report of Administrator, and Petition for Compensation of Statutory Fees and Costs to Administrator and Attorney* is approved. The Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate currently set for June 11, 2025 is vacated and reset for August 13, 2025 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

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CASE#: 24PR-00137

CASE NAME: Estate of Linda Pruett Groth

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from April 9, 2025 re: Amended Petition for Settlement; Final Distribution and Allowance of Compensation for Statutory Services was filed by the Executrix

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

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. The Petition for Settlement; Final Distribution and Allowance of Compensation for Statutory Services is approved. The Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate currently set for August 4, 2025 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10 is confirmed.

CASE#: 24PR-00149

CASE NAME: Estate of Manuel Jimenez

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from January 8, 2025 re: Status Hearing ensuring the filing of an Inventory and Appraisal

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

1. An Inventory and Appraisal has not been filed. Prob Code §8800(b) [*Corrected](#)

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. An Inventory and Appraisal was filed on January 15, 2025. A Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate is hereby set for September 11, 2025 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

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CASE#: 25PR-00043

CASE NAME: Estate of Gardenia Dream Gause

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from April 10, 2025 re: Petition for Administration with Full IAEA Authority

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES AND/OR DEFICIENCIES IN THE PAPERS WERE PREVIOUSLY NOTED:

1. Petition does not specify the location of the decedent's property which is to include the street address and city of the property referenced in Item 3a(2). **Corrected – Amended Petition filed 3/3/25*
2. Bond has not been waived by all beneficiaries. No Waiver of Bond filed by Terrie Hagins. Prob Code §8481(a)(2) **Corrected*
3. No Notice of the Amended Petition filed on 3/3/25 has not been provided to all heirs. Prob Code §8100, §8110 **Remains deficient for the 5/14/25 hrg*
4. No Proof of Publication with the corresponding signed affidavit. Prob Code §8121, §8124 **Remains deficient for the 5/14/25 hrg*

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

CASE#: 23PR-00009

CASE NAME: In the Matter of the Enedina Melgosa Trust

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from April 16, 2025 re: Trial Setting Conference/Status Hearing

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

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required

(End of Tentative Rulings)