

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: Thursday, October 1, 2026
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-00258

CASE NAME: Estate of Maria Cisneros

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from May 27, 2026 re: Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate

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

1. The distributive receipt filed by R. Yanez does not state the specific amount ordered distributed to her as per the Court's May 27, 2026. Therefore, the receipt does not establish compliance with the Court's distribution order. An Ex Parte Petition For Final Discharge And Order (DE-295) has not been submitted.
Prob Code §§117851, 11753, 12250

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. The Status Review Hearing is continued to December 21, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10 to allow counsel additional time to file corrected Distributive Receipts reflecting the amount received and an Ex Parte Petition for Final Discharge with the Court.

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CASE#: 25PR-00120

CASE NAME: Estate of Henry Charles Amfahr

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from July 23, 2026 re: Status Hearing ensuring the Closing the Estate

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

1. A Petition for Final Account or Status Report has not been filed.
Prob Code §12200-12201

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required. Counsel to advise the Court on the current case status.

CASE#: 26PR-00240

CASE NAME: In the Matter of The Raymond Navarro Revocable Living Trust

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from August 20, 2026 re:

1. Petition to Confirm Property as Trust Asset (850 Petition)
2. Order to Show Cause re: Lack of Venue and Why Case Should Not be Transferred to Sacramento County
3. Order to Show Cause re: Sanctions for Failing to Appear

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

1. The Petitioner resides in Sacramento County; no facts establish Merced County as the Trust's principal place of administration. Prob. Code §17005 (a)(1), (b)
2. The Petition alleges a lifetime transfer to the Petitioner individually but does not provide the operative recorded instrument or facts supporting trust ownership despite that transfer.
3. The Petition at paragraph 12 omits the complete legal description.
4. Attached Supporting Documents:
 - a. The Small Estate Affidavit, unsigned change-in-ownership statement.
 - b. The Supplemental Assessment Notice do not establish title in the name of the Trust.
 - c. There does not appear to be an established complete recorded chain of title clarifying whether Petitioner took title individually or as trustee.
5. The Petitioner is appearing in propria persona and the request for legal representation through a legal advocate Ms. Bailey appears inappropriate unless the legal advocate is a licensed attorney in California. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 6125, 6126
6. Notice has not been provided utilizing the required and mandatory *Notice of Hearing—Decedent's Estate or Trust* (DE-115). Prob. Code § 851(a); Cal. Rules of Court 7.52(a).

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

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CASE#: 26PR-00280

CASE NAME: Estate of Sharloett Roberta Gomez

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from August 27, 2026 re: Petition for Letters of Administration with Limited IAEA Authority

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

1. Proposed Letters and Order for Probate has not been lodged.
Prob Code §§ 8006, 8400
2. Objector filed an Objection on 8/27/26 without payment of the required filing fee. Notice of nonpayment was mailed the same date. The 20-day period to cure expired 9/16/26. The file does not reflect payment of the fee and any applicable administrative charge, or a granted fee waiver. The objection should be voided, and the Court may proceed as if it had not been filed. CCP § 411.20 (a), (b), Gov. Code §§ 70650–70658 **Newly noted for the 10/1/26 hearing*

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

(End of Tentative Rulings)