

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: Donald Proietti

DATE: Wednesday, October 7, 2026
TIME: 8:15 AM
Courtroom 10

PROBATE CALENDAR

(*updated on 10/6/26 at 12:15 pm)

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#: 22PR-00301

CASE NAME: Estate of Salvador Abarca

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from September 3, 2026 re: Review of Case Status/Filing of Final Accounting

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.

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CASE#: 24PR-00327

CASE NAME: Estate of Elsie Ann Canales

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from July 16, 2026 re: Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES AND/OR DEFICIENCIES IN THE PAPERS ARE 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#: 24PR-00469

CASE NAME: Estate of Lesli Mari Andrade

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from May 6, 2026 re: Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate

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

1. Distributive Receipts and an Ex Parte Petition For Final Discharge And Order (DE-295) have not been submitted. Prob Code §§11753, 12250

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. The Status Review Hearing is continued to January 14, 2027 at 8:15 a.m. to counsel additional time to file the appropriate Distributive Receipts and Ex Parte Petition for Final Discharge with the Court.

CASE#: 25PR-00035

CASE NAME: Estate of Martin Calderon Duarte

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

First and Final Waiver of Account and Report of Executor, Waiver of Compensation to Executor and Petition for Allowance of Compensation to Attorneys for Ordinary Services and Costs and Final Distribution

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

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. The *First and Final Waiver of Account and Report of Executor, Waiver of Compensation to Executor and Petition for Allowance of Compensation to Attorneys for Ordinary Services and Costs and Final Distribution* is approved. A Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate is hereby set for January 14, 2027 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

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CASE#: 25PR-00303

CASE NAME: Estate of Armando Juan Valenzuela

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from February 5, 2026 re: Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate

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

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. The *Waiver of Accounting and Report of Administrator, Petition for Final Distribution and Discharge; Status Report* currently set for hearing on December 2, 2026 at 8:15 am in Courtroom 10 to be confirmed.

CASE#: 26PR-00154

CASE NAME: In the Matter of the 1999 Cole Family Trust

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from August 27, 2026 re: Order on Petition for Order Confirming the Beneficiaries of Trust and Modifying Trust

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

1. Court's discretion if notice is to be provided to Terry Rust as an interested person. Prob Code 175203 (b)

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

(End of Tentative Rulings)