2260 N Street, Merced 627 W. 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Merced 2840 West Sandy Mush Road, Merced 1159 G Street, Los Banos

Thursday, March 27, 2025

NOTE: Merced Superior Court will no longer be consolidating Courtroom 8 and Courtroom 10.

Tentative Rulings are provided for the following Courtrooms and assigned Judicial Officers with scheduled civil matters:

Courtroom 8 – Hon. Stephanie L. Jamieson Courtroom 9 – Commissioner David Foster

Courtroom 12 – Hon. Jennifer O. Trimble

Courtroom 10 will continue to post separate Probate Notes that are not included in these tentative rulings.

IMPORTANT: Court Reporters will NOT be provided; parties must make their own arrangements. Electronic recording is available in certain courtrooms and will only be activated upon request.

The specific tentative rulings for specific calendars follow:

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MERCED Civil Law and Motion Hon. Stephanie L. Jamieson Courtroom 8 627 W. 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Merced

> Thursday, March 27, 2025 8:15 a.m.

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Per California Rules of Court, rule 3.1308(a)(1), failure to do both items 1 and 2 will result in no oral argument. *Note*: Notifying Court Call (the court's telephonic appearance provider) of your intent to appear does not satisfy the requirement of notifying the court.

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### Case No. Title / Description

20CV-03387 People v. \$1,108,400 U.S. Currency, et al.

Status Conference

Appearance required. Remote appearances are permitted. Parties who wish to appear remotely must contact the clerk of the court at (209) 725-4111 to arrange for a remote appearance. Appear to address the status of the case.

25CV-01165 Elizabeth Alvarado v. Amanda Eliserio

Order to Show Cause re: Restraining Order

Appearance required. Remote appearances are permitted. Parties who wish to appear remotely must contact the clerk of the court at (209) 725-4111 to arrange for a remote appearance. The Court notes that no proof of service of respondent has been filed.

Mandatory Settlement Conferences Hon. Stephanie Jamieson Courtroom 8 627 W. 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Merced

> Thursday, March 27, 2025 9:00 a.m.

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Case No. Title / Description

There are no Mandatory Settlement Conferences Scheduled

Limited Civil Calendar Commissioner David Foster Courtroom 9 627 W. 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Merced

Thursday, March 27, 2025 10:00 a.m.

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24CV-02241 Valley A-1 Electric & Son vs. Talvin Sodhi

Motion to Set Aside Cross-Defendants' Defaults

Parties who wish to appear remotely must contact the clerk of the court at (209) 725-4111 to seek permission and arrange for a remote appearance.

The motion by cross-defendants Valley A-1 Electric & Son, Chris Archer aka Christopher Beltran and Lorence Mejia to set aside the defaults entered on October 2, 2024, and October 14, 2024, is GRANTED. The attorney affidavit of fault filed by attorney Tyler A. Kelly is sufficient to support mandatory relief from default under Code of Civil Procedure section 473(b). The defaults are set aside.

In accordance with Code of Civil Procedure section 473(b), the Court orders Ogden Law Firm, PC to pay reasonable compensatory legal fees and costs in the amount of \$1,198.00 to the Fores Macko Johnston & Chartrand law firm within fifteen days. At this time, the Court declines to impose additional penalties under section 473(c).

The Court will sign the proposed order submitted by the Cross-Defendant, amended to conform to the Court's ruling. Cross-Defendants shall file and serve their answer forthwith.

The Court confirms the previously scheduled case management conference set for June 13, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. in Courtroom 9.

24CV-03806 Fredrick B Roberson Ins. Services vs. Black Arrow Transport, Inc.

Motion to Strike Answer

Parties who wish to appear remotely must contact the clerk of the court at (209) 725-4111 to seek permission and arrange for a remote appearance.

Plaintiff's unopposed motion to strike defendant's answer on the ground that defendant is a corporation that lacks legal capacity to appear as a self-represented litigant is GRANTED. With the exception of small claims actions, corporations must be represented in court by licensed attorneys and may not appear through non-attorney agents or as self-represented litigants. (*Merco Constr. Eng'rs, Inc. v. Municipal Court* (1978) 21 Cal.3d 724, 730-731; Say & Say, Inc. v. Ebershoff (1993) 20 Cal. App.4th 1759, 1767; Paradise v. Nowlin (1949) 2 Cal.App.2d 897, 898-899.) The General Denial filed on behalf of defendant Black Arrow Transport, Inc. on September 30, 2024, was filed by an individual who is not an attorney and no attorney has appeared in this action for defendant.

The Court notes that the moving party did not provide sufficient notice for a motion to strike pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 435 (see Code Civ. Proc., §§ 435(b)(2)), 1005(b)); however, the Court in its discretion may grant the motion at any time pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 436.

The Court will sign the proposed order submitted with the moving papers but plaintiff must separately file its request for entry of default and/or default judgment.

24CV-06534 [Parties' names withheld pursuant to CCP § 1161.2(a)(1)]

Motion for Reconsideration of Motion to Set Aside Default and Vacate Default Judgment

Appearance required. Parties who wish to appear remotely must contact the clerk of the court at (209) 725-4111 to seek permission and arrange for a remote appearance.

Restraining Orders Hon. Jennifer O. Trimble Courtroom 12 1159 G Street, Los Banos

Thursday, March 27, 2025 11:00 a.m.

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### Case No. Title / Description

25CV-01076 Susana Vazquez Llubere v. Yolanda Alejandre Alvarez

Order to Show Cause re: Restraining Order

Appearance required. Parties who wish to appear remotely must contact the clerk of the court at (209) 725-4111 to seek permission and arrange for a remote appearance. The Court notes that a Proof of Service was filed on March 12, 2025 indicating that Respondent has been served with the papers filed in this action.

24CV-04223 Amber Perriera v. Emily Macek

Order to Show Cause re: Restraining Order

Appearance required. Parties who wish to appear remotely must contact the clerk of the court at (209) 725-4111 to seek permission and arrange for a remote appearance. Both parties appeared at the September 26, 2024 hearing in this

matter at which time the Court continued the matter to the present date to confirm if there have been any further issues. Appear to address the status of the case since the last hearing.

Ex Parte Matters Hon. Stephanie Jamieson Courtroom 8 627 W. 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Merced

Thursday, March 27, 2025 1:15 p.m.

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There are no Ex Parte Matters Scheduled

Ex Parte Matters Commissioner David Foster Courtroom 9 627 W. 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Merced

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There are no ex parte matters scheduled.

Ex Parte Matters Hon. Jennifer O. Trimble Courtroom 12 1159 G Street, Los Banos

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