

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF MERCED**

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

Thursday, September 11, 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 13 – Hon. Ashley Albertoni Sausser**

**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, September 11, 2025  
8:15 a.m.

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21CV-00923	Jose Avila v. N&S Tractor Co.
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Application for Admission Pro Hac Vice - Rani Amani

**The unopposed application for admission of Rani Amani to appear as counsel *pro hac vice* is GRANTED. The Court will sign the proposed order lodged with the court on August 14, 2025.**

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22CV-02307	People v. \$50,600 U.S. Currency
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Motion for Default Judgment

**Default having been entered on November 4, 2024, and the declarations submitted having been reviewed by this Court and found sufficient pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 585, the request for entry of default judgment in favor of Plaintiff is GRANTED. The respondent property, \$50,600.00 in U.S. Currency is forfeited to the State of California pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 11470 and disposition is ordered pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 11489.**

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## Motion for Entry of Judgement

On November 21, 2024, the parties filed a stipulation to set aside the default judgment entered against the defendants which was approved by the Court and an order entered on January 24, 2025, pursuant to the stipulation. At the time of the hearing, on November 25, 2024, the Court further ordered, by way of tentative ruling which was adopted, that the matter be set for a trial setting conference on June 9, 2025, and that the defendants file an answer to the complaint by December 15, 2024.

Defendant filed an answer on January 7, 2025, roughly six weeks after the deadline given by the Court's order. The clerk of the court accepted the answer. Since the answer was filed on January 7, 2025, Plaintiff has not sought reconsideration of the November 25, 2024, order or otherwise objected to the answer filed on January 7, 2025, until filing a reply to the opposition to the request for court judgment on May 30, 2025. Defendant has never brought a motion to set aside the underlying default, nor was such an order contained in the stipulation.

Although a default that has not been set aside would generally preclude a defendant from appearing in a case, in quiet title actions, a defaulting defendant is generally entitled to participate in an open-court evidentiary hearing to determine the merits of the quiet title claim. (See, e.g., *Nickell v. Matlock* (2012) 206 Cal.App.4th 934, 942, 947; *Harbour Vista LLC v. HSBC Mortgage Services, Inc.* (2011) 201 Cal.App.4th 1496, 1503-1504; *Pattera v. Hansen* (2021) 64 Cal.App.5th 507, 532-533; *Bailey v. Citibank N.A.* (2021) 66 Cal.App.5th 335, 347; see also, Code Civ. Proc. § 764.010.)

At this point in time, there is an answer on file. Until such answer is set aside, no judgment can be entered absent a stipulation by the parties. Accordingly, the motion for entry of judgment is DENIED.

Case Management Conference

Continued on the Court's own motion to Friday, October 17, 2025, at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 8.

Motion by Defendant Robin Gutierrez to Compel Discovery Responses, Deem True the Matter Contained in Requests for Admission, and for Monetary Sanctions of \$740

The declaration attached to the opposition signed by Erich Godoy indicates at paragraph 8 that Plaintiff served written objections to form interrogatories, set one; special interrogatories, set one; and requests for admission, set one. Copies of those objections are attached as exhibits A, B, and C to the declaration. As responses have been served, the motion to compel is moot and is DENIED. The motion to deem true the matters contained in requests for admission cannot be granted where a response has been served, therefore it is also DENIED.

The request for monetary sanctions is DENIED.

24CV-03569

Andrew Meza, et al. v. Stonefield Homes. Inc., et al.

Case Management Conference

**Continued on the Court's own motion to Friday, October 17, 2025, at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 8.**

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25CV-02059

Trista Castro v. Mary Dobbs

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 original restraining order filed in this action is set for hearing on November 18, 2025. A cross-petition has been filed, but there is no proof of service of the cross-petition on file. Appear to address the status of service of the cross-petition.**

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25CV-02832

Janet Jackson v. Lanay Allen

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. All parties have appeared in this matter.**

Order to Show Cause re: Cross-Petition for 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. There is no proof of service on file showing that the cross-petition and temporary restraining order granted pursuant to the cross-petition has been served on Petitioner/Cross-Respondent.**

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25CV-04275

Brandy Craig v. Vanessa Philyaw Freeman

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. There is no proof of service on file showing that the papers filed in this action were served on the respondent.**

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF MERCED

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

Thursday, September 11, 2025  
9:00 a.m.

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Case No.	Title / Description
23CV-02029	Molly Cardoso, et al. v. Francisco Torres
Mandatory Settlement Conference	
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF MERCED

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

Thursday, September 11, 2025  
10:00 a.m.

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24CV-02155	Synchrony Bank v. Maria Larios
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Status Review of Settlement

**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. Appear to address the status of the settlement.**

24CV-02877	WGF National Title Insurance Company v. Jesse Woodruff
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Order to Show Cause re: Sanctions

**The Court has reviewed the declaration of plaintiff's counsel Lori C. Hershorin and accepts that counsel's nonappearance at the August 1, 2025, case management conference was the result of mistake and inadvertence. The order to show cause re: sanctions is discharged and the hearing is vacated.**

Case Management Conference

**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. Appear to address the status of case.**

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24CV-05851                      Two Jinn, Inc. v. Jimmy Luna, et al.

Motion by Plaintiff for Order that Requests for Admission Be Deemed Admitted

**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.**

**Plaintiff Two Jinn, Inc.'s unopposed motion for an order that the truth of any facts and genuineness of any documents specified in plaintiff's Request for Admissions, Set One, served on defendant Jimmy Luna be deemed admitted is GRANTED. (Code Civ. Proc., § 2033.280, subd. (b).) It is undisputed that defendant has not served responses to plaintiff's requests for admission.**

**In accordance with Code of Civil Procedure sections 2033.030 and 2033.280(c), the Court imposes a monetary sanction in the amount of \$560.00 against defendant Jimmy Luna which is due and payable to plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney ten days after notice of entry of order.**

**The Court will sign the proposed order lodged with the moving papers.**

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25CV-04210                      [Parties' names withheld pursuant to CCP § 1161.2(a)(1)]

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. Appear to address the merits of defendant's motion to set aside entry of default and vacate default judgment.**

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF MERCED

Restraining Orders  
Hon. Ashley Albertoni Sausser  
Courtroom 13  
1159 G Street, Los Banos  
Thursday, September 11, 2025  
11:00 a.m.

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25CV-01955	Marissa Nelson v. Kathy Davenport
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Review Hearing Uncontested

**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 on May 8, 2025 at which time the Court continued the matter for four months to determine if there have been any further issues and to dismiss if there have been no further issues. While the Petitioner was ordered to go to the clerk's office to complete forms CH-115 and CH-116 [Request to Continue] but no such form was completed. Thus, the original temporary restraining order expired on May 8, 2025 and there has been no restraining order in effect since that date.**

25CV-04213	Lorenzo Limon Astello v. Ricardo Figueroa Salcido, Jr.
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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. Proof**

**of Service was filed August 15, 2025 showing service of the papers filed in this action on respondent and the respondent appeared to request the continuance to this date.**

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25CV-02248

Marcela Vargas v. Luara Lopez

Order to Show Cause re: Restraining Order

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF MERCED

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

Thursday, September 11, 2025  
1:15 p.m.

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

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

Thursday, September 11, 2025

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Ex Parte Matters  
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Restraining Orders  
Hon. Ashley Albertoni Sausser  
Courtroom 13  
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Thursday, September 11, 2025  
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25CV-04094	Maria Herrera De La Riva v. Marina Cruz Gomez
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Order to Show Cause re: Restraining Order

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25CV-04388	Aliyah Celio Garcia v. Aaron Fitzpatrick
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Order to Show Cause re: Restraining Order

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