

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF MERCED**

2260 N Street, Merced
627 W. 21st Street, Merced
1159 G Street, Los Banos

Tuesday, June 24, 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

Unlimited Civil Law and Motion
Hon. Stephanie L. Jamieson
Courtroom 8
627 W. 21st Street, Merced
Tuesday, June 24, 2025
8:15 a.m.

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Case No.	Title / Description
22CV-03431	Kendall and Davis, LLC, et al. v. Le-Nguyen Dental Corporation, et al. Motion for Certificate of Probable Cause or CCP § 166.1 Statement, and Temporary Stay Defendants' motion for a certificate of probable cause for appeal is DENIED. However, this Court GRANTS the request to exercise its discretion to amend pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure section 166.1 the interlocutory order which granted the filing of the fourth amended complaint, to reflect that this Court believes that there is a controlling question of law as to which there are substantial grounds for difference of opinion, appellate resolution of which may materially advance the conclusion of the litigation. This Court agrees that there is a scarcity of law specific to California's IFPA and the "first-to-file" rule, and that the question presented in this matter, regarding the "substitution" of owners of a previously named corporation for the Plaintiffs, is an issue of first impression. The Court notes that this request is granted exclusively pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 166.1. The California Rules of Court cited by Defendants in their notice and motion are inapposite here. The request for a stay is DENIED WITHOUT PREJUDICE, and may be renewed upon filing and acceptance of a writ petition or appeal.

Motion for Disclosure of Information & Documents in Defendant's Personnel File (*Pitchess*) pursuant to Evidence Code §§ 1043-1047.

The plaintiff's *Pitchess* motion for disclosure of specified information and documents contained in the confidential personnel record of the defendant, Lucy Lopez, during her employment as a deputy sheriff with the Merced County Sheriff's Department is **GRANTED IN PART PURSUANT TO A PROTECTIVE ORDER** to be drafted and submitted for signature by defense counsel. The protective order prohibits the use of any disclosed information for any purpose other than the instant court proceeding. (Evid. Code § 1043.)

The Court finds good cause based upon the declaration of counsel, Jamil Shaaban, and exhibits attached to the motion, to conduct an *in camera* review of the defendant's personnel file for relevant information. The following categories of complaints are subject to potential disclosure pursuant to this order: documents and information relating to disciplinary action, reprimand, or warning taken by the County against defendant, Lucy Lopez relating to the collision on June 25, 2024; defendant, Lucy Lopez's training in the operation of County-issued motor vehicles; documents and information relating to disciplinary action, reprimand, or warning taken by the County against defendant, Lucy Lopez relating to any motor vehicle collision in which this defendant was involved during the course of her employment with the County prior to June 25, 2024; and any restrictions imposed on this defendant regarding the operation of motor vehicles in the course of her employment by the County following the collision on June 25, 2024.

If relevant information in the above categories is found during the *in camera* review, names and contact information for witnesses or complainants will be provided to counsel, with additional documents subject to disclosure at the discretion of the court based upon the showing made by counsel at the time of the motion.

The custodian of records and counsel for the County of Merced are ordered to appear in Courtroom 8 on July 1, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. for the Court to conduct its *in camera* review of the defendant's personnel records. The custodian is ordered to produce for this Court's review all personnel records in its possession arising from this defendant's employment with the County of Merced. Attendance at the *in camera* hearing is limited to counsel for the County of Merced, the custodian of records, and the Court. A court reporter may transcribe the proceeding at the expense of the requesting party. The transcript of the *in camera* hearing will be sealed pending further order of the Court.

Order to Show Cause re: Restraining Order

This hearing is **CONTINUED** to July 14, 2025, at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 8, to be heard concurrently with the Order to Show Cause set on the cross-petition filed June 23, 2025. All temporary orders will re-issue through the civil clerk's office and remain in full force and effect pending the outcome of the hearing on July 14, 2025.

25CV-02872

Elyce Taylor v. Christopher Couch

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. Proof of timely service was filed June 6, 2025, showing personal service of process on respondent.

18PR-00131

Estate of: Nester Navarro

Fourth Petition for Allowance of Extraordinary Compensation to Administrator and Attorneys

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 a continued hearing date on the instant petition. The Court orders the estate administrator and his counsel to provide unredacted billing statements for review, as only redacted statements were provided in support of the petition.

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 appeal.

18PR-00345

Guardianship of: Andrea E. Navarro, 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 appeal. This matter is trailing 18PR-00131.

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
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Jury and Long Cause Court Trials
Hon. Stephanie Jamieson
Courtroom 8
627 W. 21st Street, Merced

Tuesday, June 24, 2025
9:00 a.m.

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	There are no Jury or Long Cause Court Trials Scheduled
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF MERCED

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

Tuesday, June 24, 2025
1:15 p.m.

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
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Ex Parte Matters
Temporary Judge Alexandria Carl
Courtroom 9
627 W. 21st Street, Merced

Tuesday, June 24, 2025
1:15 p.m.

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25CV-02152	[Parties' names withheld pursuant to CCP § 1161.2(a)(1)]
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Ex Parte Application for Stay of Execution of Judgment

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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

Tuesday, June 24, 2025
1:15 p.m.

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
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Civil Law and Motion
Hon. Jennifer O. Trimble
Courtroom 12
1159 G Street, Los Banos

Tuesday, June 24, 2025
1:30 p.m.

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24CV-00453	Sherri Ann Watkins v. American Honda Motor Co., Inc.
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Order to Show Cause re: Dismissal-Notice 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 settlement in this action.

24CV-04131	Bank of America N.A. v. Norayama Mata
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Order to Show Cause re: Dismissal-Notice 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 settlement in this action.

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
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Civil Unlawful Detainers
Hon. Jennifer O. Trimble
Courtroom 12
1159 G Street, Los Banos

Tuesday, June 24, 2025
2:00 p.m.

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There are no Unlawful Detainer matters scheduled	
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