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

Tuesday, June 3, 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:

Unlimited Civil Law and Motion Hon. Stephanie L. Jamieson Courtroom 8 627 W. 21st Street, Merced Tuesday, June 3, 2025 8:15 a.m.

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) 725-4111 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 appear.

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
24CV-01438	Christina Hawley, et al. v. Mary Crookham, Trustee, et al.

Petition for Approval of Compromise of Minor's Claim - Sean Hawley

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. There appears to be a conflict of interest with regard to the allocation of third-party insurance proceeds and the proceeds from the uninsured motorist coverage. Both minor and guardian ad litem are claimants, and a significantly lesser amount is allocated to the minor. There is also a contingent attorney's fee of 25% assessed against the proceeds allocated to the minor. Appear to address the reasonableness of these terms and whether independent counsel for the minor should be appointed.

Petition for Approval of Compromise of Minor's Claim - Evan Hawley

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. There appears to be a conflict of interest with regard to the allocation of third-party insurance proceeds and the proceeds from the uninsured motorist coverage. Both minor and guardian ad litem are claimants, and a significantly lesser amount is allocated to the minor. There is also a contingent attorney's fee of 25% assessed against the proceeds allocated to the minor. Appear to address the reasonableness of these terms and whether independent counsel for the minor should be appointed.

24CV-05022

Rigoberto Venegas Jarquin v. Ford Motor Company

Plaintiff's Motion to Compel Further Verified Responses to Form Interrogatory 12.1, 15.1, and 17.1

The motion to compel Ford Motor Company to provide further verified responses to form interrogatories 12.1, 15.1, and 17.1, is GRANTED. Verified responses are to be submitted to plaintiff within 30 days of this order, on or before July 3, 2025.

As to form interrogatory 12.1, the defendant's objections are OVERRULED. Any objection on the basis of privilege is subject to a privilege log providing the identities of any individuals for whom attorney-client privilege is asserted and the nature of the protected communication, as well as the specific circumstances giving rise to the assertion of privilege. Defendant is ordered to file a further verified response providing the names of each witness to the incidents where attempts were made to diagnose or repair the alleged defects in the subject vehicle.

As to form interrogatory 15.1, the defendant's objections are OVERRULED. Any objection on the basis of privilege is subject to a privilege log providing the nature of the protected communication, as well as the specific circumstances giving rise to the assertion of privilege. Defendant is ordered to file a further verified response that identifies, by evidence in the possession or control of Defendant, each fact, witness, or document that supports Defendant's denial of a material allegation or an affirmative defense asserted by Defendant.

As to form interrogatory 17.1, the defendant's objections are OVERRULED. Any objection on the basis of privilege is subject to a privilege log providing the nature of the protected communication, as well as the specific circumstances giving rise to the assertion of privilege. Furthermore, there is no special privilege for expert opinion, only a right to claim undisclosed expert information as work product. Defendant is ordered to file a further verified response that identifies, by evidence in the possession or control of Defendant, each fact, witness or document that supports Defendant's failure to admit a request for admission.

Plaintiff's Motion to Compel Further Responses to Plaintiff's Request for Production of Documents (Set One) Nos. 1-31 and to Strike Defendant's Objection to Plaintiff's Request

The defendant's objections to the request for production of documents are OVERRULED. Any assertion of privilege may be accompanied by a privilege log providing the nature of the protected communication or document and the specific circumstances giving rise to the assertion of privilege. Defendant is ordered to provide a verified further response to the request for production of documents No. 1-13, with a detailed privilege log accompanying the response for any information for which privilege is claimed.

25CV-02356 Graciela Lopez v. Daniel Ortega

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 Service was filed on May 19, 2025, showing timely service of process on respondent.

25CV-02560 In the matter of: Octavio Valencia

Gun Violence Emergency Protective 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 Gun Violence Emergency Protective Order does not indicate in paragraph 9 that the protective order and notice of hearing were served on respondent, Octavio Valencia.

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

> Tuesday, June 3, 2025 9:00 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

There are no Jury or Long Cause Court Trials Scheduled

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

Tuesday, June 3, 2025 1:15 p.m.

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Case No. Title / Description

There are no Ex Parte matters scheduled.

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

Tuesday, June 3, 2025 1:15 p.m.

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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

Tuesday, June 3, 2025 1:15 p.m.

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There are no Ex Parte matters scheduled.

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

Tuesday, June 3, 2025 1:30 p.m.

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Case No.	Title / Description
24CV-00675	Public Risk Innovation, Solutions & Management v. Carrier Corporation

Motion to Set Aside Default Judgment

The Motion to Set Aside Default based on Service on a Registered Agent is GRANTED on the condition that Moving Party lodges a Proposed Answer by the time of the hearing. Service on CT Corporation rarely results in timely receipt of the summons and complaint by the time a responsive pleading is due, as was case here. The case therefore qualifies for discretionary relief pursuant to CCP § 473.

24CV-03804 Miguel Quintero, et al. v. Salvadpr De :a Cerda, et al.

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 status of the Settlement.

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

Tuesday, June 3, 2025 2:00 p.m.

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Case No. Title / Description

25CV-01365 [Parties' names withheld pursuant to CCP § 1161.2(a)(1)]

Unlawful Detainer Court Trial

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.