

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. Updates to the Probate Examiner's Notes typically will be posted 3 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 notify that documents have been filed, 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 or status of orders 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.

Superior Court of California, County of Merced
PROBATE CALENDAR
HONORABLE: Donald Proietti

DATE: Thursday, May 9, 2024
TIME: 8:15 AM
Courtroom 10

PROBATE CALENDAR

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#: 20PR-00049

CASE NAME: Estate of Jerome Souza

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from January 11, 2024 re: Status on Closing of the Estate

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

1. An Ex Parte Petition For Final Discharge And Order (DE-295) has not been submitted. Prob Code §12250

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required. Counsel to provide an update on the filing of the Ex Parte Petition for Final Discharge.

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CASE#: 22PR-00304

CASE NAME: Estate of Richard Terrence Keeble

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from June 15, 2023 re: Review of Case Status

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.

CASE#: 23PR-00241

CASE NAME: Estate of Kevin Dale Miller

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Petition for First and Final Accounting

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

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

Petition for First and Final Accounting is approved. A Status Hearing ensuring the closing of the estate is hereby set for July 11, 2024 at 8:15 a.m.

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CASE#: 24PR-00052

CASE NAME: Estate of Maria Leonor Oropeza

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from April 29, 2024 re: Petition to Determine Succession to Real Property

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES AND/OR DEFICIENCIES IN THE PAPERS WERE PREVIOUSLY NOTED:

1. Clarification needed in the Petition regarding item #4b. The word “not” was redacted out by the Petitioners.
2. Clarification needed in the proposed Order in item #2b which states the decedent is a nonresident of California who owned property in the county.

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

CASE#: 24PR-00066

CASE NAME: In Re The Derby Family 2005 Trust dated November 8, 2005

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Petition for Order Confirming Trust Assets

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

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

Petition for Order Confirming Trust Assets is approved.

(End of Tentative Rulings)