

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. The Probate Examiner's Notes typically will be posted 5 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](mailto: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 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, status of orders, Zoom links or remote appearances 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.

The following cases are not reflected in the Probate Notes and appearances are required unless previously excused by the Court:

- Guardianships and Conservatorships of the Person
- Minor's Compromise cases before the Probate Court for approval
- Petition for Special Immigrant Juvenile Findings

*\*Questions involving Guardianships (including SIJF) and Conservatorships of the Person should be directed to the Court Investigators Office at (209) 725-4190.*

*\*\*Please note no legal or procedural advice can be provided by the Court Investigator's Office. \*\**

Superior Court of California, County of Merced  
PROBATE/CONSERVATORSHIP CALENDAR  
HONORABLE: Mark Bacciarini

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DATE: Friday, April 4, 2025  
TIME: 8:15 AM and 8:30 AM  
Courtroom 10  
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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#:** 18PR-00306

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Sylvester Zeledon

**THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:**

Continued from February 10, 2025 re:

1. Status on Closing of the Estate
2. Order to Show Cause re: Sanctions

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

1. Distributive Receipts and an Ex Parte Petition For Final Discharge And Order (DE-295) have not been submitted. Prob Code §§11753, 12250
  - a. \*Distributive Receipt filed for Sarahy Zeledon
  - b. Ex Parte Petition for Final Discharge lodged on 3/27/25
  - c. \*Declaration filed on 3/27/25 - Court's discretion concerning the proposed alternative request concerning the specific distribution to adult beneficiary Ashira Martinez as directed by the mother of Ashira Martinez.

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

Appearance required.

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**CASE#:** 24PR-00256

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Pun Sun Southwick

**THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:**

Continued from October 4, 2024 re: Filing of an Inventory and Appraisal

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

None.

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

No appearance required. An Inventory and Appraisal was filed on November 12, 2024. A Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate to be set for November 7, 2025 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

**CASE#:** P20182

**CASE NAME:** Conservatorship of Javiel S. Costilla

**THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:**

1. Bi-Annual Review
2. Seventh Account and Report of Conservator, Petition for Allowance of Fees to Conservator, and For Allowance of Attorney Fees

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

1. On February 9, 2023 the Court ordered the Conservator's Bond to be increased to \$450,000.00. Proof of the increased bond amount has not been filed with the Court. CCP 996.010(d)
2. A Notice of Hearing – Guardianship or Conservatorship (GC-020) has not been filed. Prob Code §§1460(b), 2621

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

Appearance required.

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**8:30 AM CALENDAR**

**CASE#:** 23PR-00306

**CASE NAME:** Conservatorship of David L. Harvey

**THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:**

First and Final Account and Report of Conservator and Petition for Termination of Conservatorship

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

1. The accounting period reflects 1/5/24 through 12/19/24. The Conservator was granted Conservatorship of the Person and Estate on October 6, 2023 through the conservatee's date of death.
2. Additional information needed concerning car payments made to Chase Bank for a vehicle that has not been included in any Inventory and Appraisal.
3. A separate Final Accounting will need to be submitted. Prob Code §2620(b)
4. No Notice to the Public Defender who represents the conservatee. Prob Code §1460(b)

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

The hearing is continued to April 25, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. in Courtroom 10 for correction of deficiencies.

**CASE#:** 23PR-00361

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Vivian Ardell Watters

**THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:**

Continued from January 5, 2024 re: Status Hearing re: Filing of Inventory & Appraisal

**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. Counsel to advise the Court on the current case status.

(End of Tentative Rulings)