

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

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

DATE: Friday, February 21, 2025
TIME: 8:15 AM and 8:30 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#: 22PR-00363

CASE NAME: Estate of Ruben Villarreal

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from January 22, 2025 re: Status on Closing of the Estate

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 *Corrected

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. The hearing on the *Petition and Report on Waiver of Account for Final Settlement, For Waiver of Statutory Commission, for Allowance of Statutory Attorney Fees, and For Final Distribution* currently set for hearing on May 1, 2025 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10 is confirmed.

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CASE#: 24PR-00312

CASE NAME: Estate of Richard Gilbert Douglas

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from January 13, 2025 re:

1. Petition For Letters of Administration with Full IAEA Authority
2. Status Review Hearing

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

1. A written Objection or Petition for Letters Testamentary by Rosetta Douglas Carter remains unfiled.

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required. Parties to advise the Court on the current case status.

CASE#: 24PR-00452

CASE NAME: Matter of Ettame Avalos

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Petition to Determine Succession to Real Property

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

1. Page 3, Article II, Section C "*Children of Previous Relationships*" of the decedent's will identifies two other persons whose names are difficult to decipher but may identify additional parties: Anthy Avalos (sp) and Arron Mark Avalos? Notice may be required if these parties are relevant or interested parties to the action. Prob Code §§13153, 13152, 1220

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

CASE#: 25PR-00015

CASE NAME: Estate of Luis Aguilar

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Petition for Letters of Administration with Full IAEA Authority

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

1. Decedent was a citizen of Mexico and notice to the Mexican Consulate is required. Prob Code §8113
2. No Proof of Publication with the corresponding signed affidavit.
Prob Code §8121, §8124

TENTATIVE RULING:

The hearing is continued to March 18, 2025 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10 for correction of deficiencies.

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8:30 AM CALENDAR

CASE#: 17PR-00056

CASE NAME: Estate of Jose Ledesma

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from January 10, 2025 re: Status Review Hearing

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

1. A Petition for Final Account or Status Report has not been filed.
Prob Code §12200-12201

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required. Counsel to provide the Court with a current status on the filing of the Petition for Final Accounting and Distribution.

CASE#: 19PR-00023

CASE NAME: Conservatorship of Ronald P. Hamlin, Jr.

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from January 27, 2025 re: Status Conference

1. *Petition for Examination of Rebecca Pena*
2. *Status Review of Settlement of Accounting*

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

CASE#: 23PR-00330

CASE NAME: Estate of Jose Rodrigues

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from January 10, 2025 re: Status on Closing of the Estate

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

1. Distributive Receipt for heir Janine Marie Wendland and an Ex Parte Petition For Final Discharge And Order (DE-295) have not been submitted. Prob Code §§11753, 12250

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

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CASE#: 20PR-00158

CASE NAME: Estate of Robert Alan Hunter

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

1. Continued from November 24, 2024 re: Review of Case Status
2. Petition for the Court to Order Double Damages, Costs and Attorney Fees

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

1. Petition is not verified. Prob Code §1021 [*Corrected](#)
2. A Notice of Hearing to accompany the *Petition for the Court to Order Double Damages, Costs and Attorney Fees* has not been filed. Prob Code §§1220-1221 [*Corrected](#)
3. *Position Statement* filed on 12/10/24 by Respondent Sheila Hunter-Tellez is not verified and does not reflect service on the Petitioner and other interested parties. Prob Code §§1021(a)(2), 1215 [*Corrected as to Proof of Service only](#)

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

(End of Tentative Rulings)