

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

**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 7, 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.**

8:15 AM CALENDAR

CASE#: 23PR-00365

CASE NAME: Estate of John S. Pazin

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

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

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

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required. Counsel to provide a status on closing of the estate.

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CASE#: 23PR-00425

CASE NAME: Estate of Albert Eric Groth

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from December 20, 2024 re: Status on Filing of an Inventory and Appraisal

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

1. Proposed Letters and Order for Probate have not been submitted since the Administrator was appointed on March 6, 2024. Prob Code §8006, §8400
2. An Inventory and Appraisal has not been filed. Prob Code §8800(b)

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

CASE#: 24PR-00139

CASE NAME: Estate of Maria Teresa Valencia

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from December 2, 2024 re: Spousal Property Petition

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

1. Objection filed on July 26, 2024 by Silvestre Valencia.

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

CASE#: 24PR-00210

CASE NAME: Estate of Boyd G. Farnsworth

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from August 9, 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. Inventory and Appraisals have been filed as required per Probate Code §8800(b). A Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate is hereby set for October 1, 2025 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

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CASE#: 24PR-00197

CASE NAME: Estate of Benjamin S. Cox

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from August 7, 2024 re: Status of filing 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 5, 2024 as required per Probate Code §8800(b). A Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate is hereby set for October 1, 2025 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

CASE#: 24PR-00486

CASE NAME: Estate of Gloria Campbell

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from January 10, 2025 re: Petition for Letters of Administration with Full IAEA Authority

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

1. No Proof of Publication with the corresponding signed affidavit.
Prob Code §8121, §8124
2. What is the relationship of Lloyd Campbell and Martin Campbell to the decedent?
3. Proposed Letters and Order for Probate has not been lodged.
Prob Code §8006, §8400
4. Amount of Bond is at the Court's discretion. CRC 7.201

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

CASE#: 25PR-00002 (**competing Petition*)

CASE NAME: Estate of Gloria Campbell

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Petition for Letters of Special Administration with Full IAEA Authority

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

1. Notice has not been given provided on mandatory Judicial Council form *Notice of Petition to Administer Estate (DE-121)*. Prob Code §8100

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

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8:30 AM CALENDAR

CASE#: 22PR-00252

CASE NAME: Estate of Preston Sullivan

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from December 20, 2024 re: Status Review

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 advise the Court on the current case status.

CASE#: 23PR-000239

CASE NAME: Conservatorship of Natena Hernandez

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

First and Final and Supplemental Account and Report of Conservator and Petition for Its Approval and Settlement

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

1. Accounting includes assets that have not been included in any Inventory and Appraisal filed with the Court (bank accounts, ROTH IRAs, cash found).
Prob Code §2613 [*Corrected – I&A filed 12/19/24](#)

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required. Absent any Objection from the Public Defender or any other interested party, the Court's intention is to approve the First and Final and Supplemental Account and Report of Conservator and Petition for Its Approval and Settlement. Counsel to submit a proposed Order. A Status Hearing ensuring the remaining estate assets are transferred to the Administrator of the Estate of Natena Hernandez and the conservatorship is closed is hereby set for June 20, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

(End of Tentative Rulings)