

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

*\*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, January 10, 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.**

**8:15 AM CALENDAR**

**CASE#:** 19PR-00325

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Katherine Lara Hew

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

Continued from October 22, 2024 re: Status Hearing 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) have not been submitted. Prob Code §12250

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

The hearing is continued to March 14, 2025 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10 to allow counsel additional time to file the appropriate Ex Parte Petition for Final Discharge with the Court.

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**CASE#:** 24PR-00364

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Darlene Wright

**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:**

None.

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

The Petition for Letters of Administration with Full IAEA Authority with no bond required is granted. Probate Referee Michael Wright is appointed. A Status Hearing ensuring the filing of an Inventory and Appraisal is hereby set for June 13, 2025 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

**CASE#:** 24PR-00365

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Larry Melgosa

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

Spousal Property Petition

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

1. A copy of the entire Trust document has not been provided as supporting documentation of the Petitioner's request.
2. Court's discretion if notice is to be provided to the current Trustee of the Enedina Melgosa Trust.

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

Appearance required.

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**CASE#:** 24PR-00374

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Pearl Webb

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

Spousal Property Petition

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

1. Additional information is needed to establish the community property claim. (date asset acquired, date of marriage, manner in which asset was acquired and how asset is community property, what were the decedent's assets at the time of marriage, what was the decedent's occupation, how was the down payment made for the real property? Was it made with separate property or community property? Was the real property a gift? How were the mortgage payments made?) Prob Code 13651(a)(3)-(4)
2. Copy of most recent vesting deed to be submitted.

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

The hearing is continued to Friday, March 14, 2025 at 8:15 am in Courtroom 10 for correction of deficiencies.

**CASE#:** 24PR-00486

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Gloria Campbell

**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. 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.

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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 November 22, 2024 re: Status Review Hearing

**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#:** 19PR-00191

**CASE NAME:** Conservatorship of Lily McDow

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

Continued from November 15, 2024 re: Corrected Third Amended Third and Final Report of Conservator of the Estate, and to the Attorney and for Termination of Conservatorship and Discharge of Conservator

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

1. Notice of Hearing re: the "*Corrected Amended Third & Final Report of Conservator Petition for Allowance of Fees.....*" with attached Proof of Service filed on October 2, 2024 does not reflect the manner in which notice was provided to interested parties on October 2, 2024 or reflect if parties were served with a Notice of Hearing and a copy of the Petition. [\\*Corrected with Notice of Hearing/POS filed on 11/14/24](#)
2. No Proof of Service filed reflecting service of the Third Corrected Amended Third and Final Report of Conservator of the Estate that was filed on October 15, 2024. [\\*Corrected with Notice of Hearing/POS filed on 11/14/24](#)

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

Appearance required.

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**CASE#:** 22PR-00236

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Lily McDow

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

Continued from November 15, 2024 re: Trailing #19PR-00191 Conserv. of Lily McDow

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

None.

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

Case is trailing #19PR-00191 Conservatorship of Lily McDow. Appearance required.

**CASE#:** 21PR-00282

**CASE NAME:** Conservatorship of Marlene Knipp

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

1. Amended Petition for First Account and Report of Conservator, Allowance of Fees of the Person and Estate and to the Attorney
2. Petition for Second Account and Report of Conservator, Allowance of Fees to Conservator of the Person and Estate and to the Attorney

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

Due to the impacted calendar the Probate Examiner has requested additional time to review the accountings. The hearing is continued to February 14, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

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**CASE#:** 23PR-00330

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Jose Rodrigues

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

Continued from November 15, 2024 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.

(End of Tentative Rulings)