

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, March 28, 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#: 23PR-00041

CASE NAME: Estate of Soraya Parga

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from January 3, 2025 re: Status on Closing of the Estate

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES AND/OR DEFICIENCIES IN THE PAPERS ARE 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. The Administrator to appear and provide the Court with a status on the closing of the estate.

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CASE#: 23PR-00324

CASE NAME: In the Matter of the J&E Bettencourt Trust Dated February 22, 2002

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from January 31, 2025 re: Status of Closure/Proof of Disbursement

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

1. Proof of Disbursement has not been filed as ordered by the Court at the November 14, 2024 hearing.

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required. Counsel to appear and advise the Court on the current status of the trust disbursements.

8:30 AM CALENDAR

CASE#: 22PR-00219

CASE NAME: Estate of Corinne Laurie Brierley

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from March 12, 2025 re: Possible Appointment of the Public Administrator

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

1. Court's discretion regarding any possible conflict of interest actions by the Administrator who is also a creditor of the estate. Prob Code §§8402(a)(3), 8502(b)
2. Court's discretion concerning the Rejection of Creditors Claim lodged on March 17, 2025 as the Administrator upon her appointment on March 13, 2023 failed to take any action on the original Creditor's Claim filed on January 10, 2023.
Prob Code §9256
3. A Third Amended Petition was filed on March 17, 2025 without leave of the Court. CCP 472(a).

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

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CASE#: 23PR-00282

CASE NAME: Conservatorship of Valton Andrew Kuykendall

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from December 6, 2024 re: Accounting

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

Accounting under review.

TENTATIVE RULING:

The *First Account and Report of Conservator of Person and Estate; Petition for Allowance of Fees to Attorney for Conservator, Dispense with Accounting, and Dispense with the Requirement of a Bond* filed on March 13, 2025 and currently set for May 2, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. in Courtroom 10 is confirmed.

(End of Tentative Rulings)