

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: Donald Proietti

DATE: Friday, November 8, 2024
TIME: 8:15 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-00075

CASE NAME:

In re: The Randolph Family Trust dated July 11, 1978, Amended and Restated on November 28, 1989

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from September 9, 2024 re: Status Review of Settlement

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required. Parties to appear and provide the Court with a current case status.

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CASE#: 22PR-00219

CASE NAME: Estate of Corinne Brierley

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from April 8, 2024 re: Status Review Hearing re: Closing of the Estate

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

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. The November 8, 2024 hearing should have been previously vacated. The currently set December 11, 2024 hearing at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10 is hereby confirmed.

CASE#: 22PR-00313

CASE NAME: Estate of Steven Forest Garner

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

1. Continued from September 26, 2024 re: Review of Case Status
2. Petition for Preliminary Distribution

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

1. Notice of hearing with appropriate Proof of Service not provided.
Prob Code §§11623, 1220

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required. To be heard with the related conservatorship case #24PR-002036 Conservatorship of Adam Garner also on calendar for November 8, 2024.

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CASE#: 23PR-00136

CASE NAME: Estate of Roberto Soria Sandoval

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Amended Petition for Letters of Testamentary with Full IAEA Authority

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

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

The Amended Petition for Letters of Testamentary with Full IAEA Authority with no bond required is granted. A Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate to be set for May 8, 2025 at 8:15 a.m.

CASE#: 23PR-00451

CASE NAME: Estate of Robert Torres Lopez

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from October 9, 2024 re:

1. Status Hearing on filing of an Inventory and Appraisal
2. Status of Filing Petition for Final Distribution

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

1. An Inventory and Appraisal has not been filed. Prob Code §8800(b)

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

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CASE#: 24PR-00060

CASE NAME: Estate of William Ernest

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from May 6, 2024 re: Status on 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 July 3, 2024. A Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate is hereby set for June 12, 2025 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

CASE#: 24PR-003070

CASE NAME: Estate of Catherine Mary Smith

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. Proof of Service attached to Notice of Petition to Administer Estate filed on August 7, 2024 does not reflect the date to which all heirs and interested parties have been noticed. Prob Code §8100, §8110
3. Proposed Letters have been submitted are signed but undated by the Petitioner.

TENTATIVE RULING:

The hearing is continued to December 13, 2024 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10 for correction of deficiencies.

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

DATE: Friday, November 8, 2024
TIME: 8:30 AM
Courtroom 10

PROBATE CALENDAR

Special Set

The following tentative rulings shall become the ruling of the court unless a party gives notice of intention to appear as follows:

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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-00054

CASE NAME: Conservatorship of Michael Mason

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from October 4, 2024 re: Further Proceedings/Confirmation of Counsel

TENTATIVE RULING:

On the Court's own Motion the hearing is hereby continued to November 15, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. in Courtroom 10 due to the unavailability of potential newly appointed counsel Andrew Dignan.

(End of Tentative Rulings)