

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: Monday, February 10, 2025
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#: 18PR-00306

CASE NAME: Estate of Sylvester Zeledon

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from January 6, 2025 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.

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CASE#: 22PR-00393

CASE NAME: Estate of Leopoldo Castro, Sr.

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from January 6, 2025 re: Status 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.

CASE#: 23PR-00036

CASE NAME: Estate of Joann Croft

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from April 29, 2024 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.

CASE#: 23PR-00088

CASE NAME: Estate of Alice Gresham

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Petition for Final Distribution and Approval of First and Final Report of Status of Administration and Settlement of the Account and Report; and For Allowance of Compensation to Administrator and Attorneys for Ordinary Services

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

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

Absent any Objection, the Court's intention is to approve the *Petition for Final Distribution and Approval of First and Final Report of Status of Administration and Settlement of the Account and Report; and For Allowance of Compensation to Administrator and Attorneys for Ordinary Services*. A Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate is hereby set for June 5, 2025 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

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CASE#: 23PR-00155

CASE NAME: Estate of Stella Serrano Flores

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued October 30, 2024 re: Status Review Hearing re: Closing of the Estate

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

1. The Administrator has not filed a Petition Termination has not been filed as directed by the Court on October 30, 2024.

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

CASE#: 23PR-00200

CASE NAME: Estate of Maria Alda Borba

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from December 5, 2024 re:

1. OSC re: Why the Court should Enforce or Deny the Assignment of Inheritance Funding Company
2. Petition for Settlement of First and Final Account, For Payment of Costs, Compensation of Statutory Fees to Personal Representative and Attorney, And for Final Distribution

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

1. Proposed distribution does not include the Assignment of Interests to Inheritance Funding Company Inc. signed by heirs: [*Withdrawal of Assignments filed by Inheritance Funding Company on 12/5/24.](#)
 - a. Filomena Lebard filed on 8/7/23 in the amount of \$9,900.00
 - b. Elizabeth Borba filed on 8/8/23 in the amount of \$9,900.00
2. A new proposed Order with the adjusted/corrected distribution for each heir will need to be lodged. [*No longer needed due to Withdrawal of Assignments of Interest filed on 12/5/24.](#)

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required. Absent any Objection, the Court's intention is to approve the *Petition for Settlement of First and Final Account, For Payment of Costs, Compensation of Statutory Fees to Personal Representative and Attorney, And for Final Distribution*. A Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate to be set for June 5, 2025 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

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CASE#: 23PR-00247

CASE NAME: Estate of Fateh Singh

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from October 31, 2024 re: Status Hearing 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

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

CASE#: 24PR-00021

CASE NAME: Estate of Charles Gregory Reeves

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from December 5, 2024 re: Status of Filing an Inventory and Appraisal

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

1. Two incomplete Inventory and Appraisals have been filed as follows:
 - a. Inventory and Appraisal filed on 12/2/24 is incomplete and contains assets (real property, vehicle) that have not been appraised by the Probate Referee. Prob Code §8900 et seq.
 - b. Inventory and Appraisal filed on 12/4/24 is incomplete and consists of a single page.

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

CASE#: 24PR-00194

CASE NAME: Estate of Mark Steven Fernandes

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from August 5, 2024 re: Status of 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 has 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-00489

CASE NAME: Estate of William Donald Filippini

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Petition for Probate of Letters of Administration with Full IAEA Authority

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

1. Additional information needed to establish how the decedent was a resident of Merced County as the Petition reflects the decedent's may have been a resident of Stanislaus County at the time of death (item #3 c.) Prob Code §7051

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

(End of Tentative Rulings)