

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 24, 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#: 20PR-00196

CASE NAME: Estate of Francisco Arellano

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from November 22, 2024 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. Executor to appear and provide the Court with a status on the closing of the estate.

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CASE#: 23PR-00162

CASE NAME: Estate of Violet E. Stribling

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

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

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

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

Recommend to approve the Report of Administrator on Waiver of Account and Petition for Its Settlement, For Allowance of Statutory Compensation to Attorneys and For Final Distribution. A Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate for June 12, 2025 at 8:15 a.m.

CASE#: 23PR-00228

CASE NAME: Estate of Silvia Esparza Vera

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from January 27, 2025 re:

1. Status Hearing re: Closing of the Estate
2. Order to Show Cause re: Sanctions for Failing to Appear

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. The Administrator to provide the Court with a current status on closing of the estate

CASE#: 23PR-00311

CASE NAME:

The Erika L. Knorn SNT, created under the Knorn Family Trust dated July 29, 1992

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from October 28, 2024 re: Status Hearing on Filing of an Account

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

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. The hearing on the *First Account and Report of Trustee and Petition for Its Approval, for Allowance of Legal Fees and Costs for Trustee's Attorneys and For Termination of Order to File Annual Accounts with Court* currently set for May 7, 2025 at 8:15 a.m. to be confirmed.

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CASE#: 24PR-00314

CASE NAME: In the Matter of Hutlee Zimmerman

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from November 25, 2024 re: Status Review Hearing/Proof of Deposit

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

1. Acknowledgment of receipt by financial institution has not been filed with the Court as per the Court's November 25, 2024 order. CRC 7.953(a)

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

CASE#: 25PR-00021

CASE NAME: Estate of Bryan Matthew Van Worth

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

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

(End of Tentative Rulings)