

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: James LaPorte

DATE: Monday, January 13, 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#: 22PR-00279

CASE NAME: Estate of Naomi F. Burns

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from September 12, 2024 re: Status on Closing of the Estate

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

1. Appropriate Distributive Receipt or other Receipt from the Merced County Treasurer for the distribution to A.Burns and an Ex Parte Petition For Final Discharge And Order (DE-295) have not been submitted. Prob Code §§11753, 12250

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. The Status Review Hearing is continued to March 24, 2025 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10 to allow counsel additional time to file the appropriate Distributive Receipt and Ex Parte Petition for Final Discharge with the Court.

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CASE#: 23PR-00334

CASE NAME: Estate of Jason W. Garside

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Petition for Settlement; Final Distribution and Allowance of Compensation for Statutory Services

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

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

CASE#: 23PR-00396

CASE NAME: Estate of Antonio Vasquez Lopez

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from May 6, 2024 RE: Status Hearing re: 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. Counsel to provide the Court with a current case status.

CASE#: 24PR-00156

CASE NAME: Estate of Vernon D. Wickstrom

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from August 1, 2024 re: Status on Filing 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 October 17, 2024. The hearing on the Petition for Waiver of Final Account and Final Distribution currently set for April 2, 2025 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10 to be confirmed.

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CASE#: 24PR-00312

CASE NAME: Estate of Richard Gilbert Douglas

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from November 13, 2024 re:

1. Petition For Letters of Administration with Full IAEA Authority
2. Status Review Hearing

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

1. A written Objection or Petition for Letters Testamentary by Rosetta Douglas Carter remains unfiled.

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required. Parties to advise the Court on the current case status.

CASE#: 24PR-00367

CASE NAME: Estate of Kevin Bronson

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Spousal Property Petition

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

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required. Absent any Objections the recommendation, the Court's intention is to grant the Spousal Property Petition.

CASE#: 24PR-00490

CASE NAME: Estate of Karen Kent

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Petition for Probate of Will and for Letters of Testamentary

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

1. Decedent's Will has not been lodged with the Court. Prob Code §8200
2. Attached Declination to Serve as Co-Executor for Marco Arellano Ayata is unsigned

TENTATIVE RULING:

The hearing is continued to Thursday, February 13, 2025 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10 for correction of deficiencies.

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CASE#: 24PR-00491

CASE NAME: Estate of Socorro Rodriguez Buendia

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.

CASE#: PR000050

CASE NAME: Adrian Plantillas 2009 Special Needs Trust

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from August 5, 2024 re: Petition to Terminate Trust (Probate Code §17201)

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2. Status Hearing
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THE FOLLOWING ISSUES AND/OR DEFICIENCIES IN THE PAPERS ARE NOTED:

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required. Counsel to advise the Court on the filing of the Final Accounting.

(End of Tentative Rulings)