

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: Mark Bacciarini

DATE: Monday, January 27, 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#: 23PR-00127

CASE NAME: Estate of Waneta Cheri Gilbert

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from November 14, 2024 re: Status Hearing on Filing of an Inventory and Appraisal

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) ***Remains unfiled as of 1/17/25**
2. Court's discretion concerning possible measures to be imposed for failing to file an Inventory and Appraisal within the required statutory time.
Prob Code §§8804, 10953, 11050-11051, 12205

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

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CASE#: 23PR-00228

CASE NAME: Estate of Silvia Esparza Vera

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from April 5, 2024 re: Status Hearing re: Closing of the Estate

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-00291

CASE NAME: Estate of Ruben Galindo

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from November 14, 2024 re: First and Final Account and Report of Personal Representative and Petition for Its Settlement, For Allowance of Compensation for Ordinary Services, and for Final Distribution

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

1. No notice to all heirs and persons who requested special notice.
Prob Code §§11000, 1220 *Corrected
2. Receipts for vehicle and insurance purchases made on behalf beneficiary Ruben Junior Galindo and a signed Preliminary Distributive Receipt signed by heir Ruben Junior Galindo II. *Corrected
3. Additional information needed Court concerning the annuity and custodial account for the minor as discussed at the November 14, 2024 hearing.

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

CASE#: 23PR-00334

CASE NAME: Estate of Jason W. Garside

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from January 13, 2025 re: 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.

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CASE#: 23PR-00465

CASE NAME: Estate of Rachel Gonzalez

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from October 21, 2024 re: Petition for Final Distribution on Waiver of Account, First and Final Report of Administrator, and Petition for Compensation of Statutory Fees and Costs to Attorney

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

1. Creditor's Claim filed by DHCS has not been addressed using the mandatory Allowance or Rejection of Creditor's Claim (Judicial Council Form DE-174). Probe Code §9250 and CRC 7.401. [*Corrected](#)
2. Is there any pending agreement with DHCS concerning the proposed payment of the Creditor's Claim? Wel & I C §14009.5(a)(3) [*Addressed in 11/4/24 Declaration](#)

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

(End of Tentative Rulings)