

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. Updates to the Probate Examiner's Notes typically will be posted 3 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 notify that documents have been filed, 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 or status of orders 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.

Superior Court of California, County of Merced
PROBATE CALENDAR
HONORABLE: Donald Proietti

DATE: Monday, July 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#: 21PR-00091

CASE NAME:

In re the Matter of the Laura M. Bettencourt 1999 Revocable Living Trust

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Trial Readiness Conference

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

1. Stipulation and Order filed on June 6, 2024 vacated the July 15, 2024 hearing date but did not address and vacate the July 8, 2024 Trial Readiness Conference.

TENTATIVE RULING:

The hearing is hereby dropped. The Trial Setting Conference currently set for July 15, 2024 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10 is hereby confirmed.

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CASE#: 22PR-00206

CASE NAME: In the Estate of Cecilia Amador Cordova

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from May 8, 2024 re: First and Final Account and Report of Administrator and Petition for Its Settlement, For Allowance of Statutory Attorney's Fees and Administrator's Commissions and for Final Distribution

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

1. No Notice to heir Michael Cordova. Prob Code §§11000, 1220 *Addressed
2. Court's discretion concerning requested offset against the proposed distribution to heir E. Cordova. *Corrected
3. Clarification needed concerning the reimbursement sought by the Administrator. Petition requests \$7,500.00 sought as reimbursement but the prayer of the Petition requests a total amount of \$6,011.00 as reimbursement. *Addressed
4. Court's discretion concerning request by counsel for extraordinary fees. CRC 7.702, 7.703 (c) *Counsel has lodged a new proposed order reflective of the Court's previous order concerning extraordinary fees.

TENTATIVE RULING:

First and Final Account and Report of Administrator and Petition for Its Settlement, For Allowance of Statutory Attorney's Fees and Administrator's Commissions and for Final Distribution Recommend to granted. A Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate is hereby set for September 16, 2024 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

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CASE#: 23PR-00007

CASE NAME: Estate of Mark R. Banks

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from May 17, 2024 re: Status Review Hearing re Closing 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:

The hearing is continued to September 13, 2024 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10 to allow counsel additional time to file the appropriate distributive receipts and Ex Parte Petition for Final Discharge.

CASE#: 23PR-00347

CASE NAME: Estate of Louis L. Meeks

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

First and Final Report of Executor and Petition for Final Distribution on Account and For Payment of Costs and Statutory Fees to Attorney

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

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. First and Final Report of Executor and Petition for Final Distribution on Account and For Payment of Costs and Statutory Fees to Attorney is approved. A Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate is hereby set for September 16, 2024 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

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CASE#: 23PR-00420

CASE NAME: Estate of Richard Salado

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from February 1, 2024 re: Status Hearing

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

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. An Inventory and Appraisal was filed on June 7, 2024. A Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate is hereby set for March 10, 2025 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

CASE#: 23PR-00423

CASE NAME: Estate of Delores Macias Gonzales

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from February 1, 2024 re: Status Hearing

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

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. Inventory and Appraisal filed on June 21, 2024. A Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate to be set for March 17, 2025 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

(End of Tentative Rulings)