

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: James LaPorte

DATE: Monday, June 24, 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#: 23PR-00057

CASE NAME: Estate of James Stephen McCarthy

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

1. Continued from December 21, 2023 re: Status Hearing
2. First and Final Waiver of Account and Report of Administrator, Petition for Final Distribution and Allowance of Statutory Compensation of Attorney's Fees

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

1. A Satisfaction/Release of Creditor's Claim has not been filed by the California Franchise Tax Board.
2. Petition is unsigned and dated by counsel. CCP 128.7
3. Proposed Order to be submitted reflective of the specific proposed distributive amount for each heir.

PROBATE EXAMINER'S RECOMMENDATION:

The hearing is continued to August 26, 2024 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10 for correction of the noted deficiencies.

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CASE#: 23PR-00078

CASE NAME: Estate of George D. Hathaway, Jr.

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from May 22, 2024 re: Status Hearing

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

None.

PROBATE EXAMINER'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Court signed the Order Approving the First and Final Report on May 31, 2024. The June 24, 2024 hearing to be dropped. The Status Hearing currently set for September 16, 2024 at 8:15 am in Courtroom 10 to ensure the closing of the Estate is confirmed.

CASE#: 23PR-00099

CASE NAME: Estate of Cynthia A. Gonzales

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from December 14, 2023 re: Status Review Hearing

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

PROBATE EXAMINER'S RECOMMENDATION:

Appearance required. Counsel to apprise the Court on the current cast status.

(End of Probate Notes)