

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, March 3, 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#: 21PR-00344

CASE NAME: Estate of Fredrick Kern, Jr.

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from August 22, 2024 re: Status on Closing of the Estate

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

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. The hearing on the Petition for Final Distribution, Waiver of Accounting currently set for April 21, 2025 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10 is hereby confirmed.

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CASE#: 21PR-00417

CASE NAME: Estate of Ruby Jean McCrady

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Petition for Final Distribution, Waiver of Accounting, Allowance of Statutory and Extraordinary Attorney's Fees, and Reimbursement of Costs

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

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

The *Petition for Final Distribution, Waiver of Accounting, Allowance of Statutory and Extraordinary Attorney's Fees, and Reimbursement of Costs* is approved. A Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate to be set for July 7, 2025 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

CASE#: 22PR-00206

CASE NAME: In the Estate of Cecilia Amador Cordova

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from November 15, 2024 re: Closing of the Estate

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

1. Distributive Receipts and an Ex Parte Petition For Final Discharge And Order (DE-295) have not been submitted. Prob Code §§11753, 12250
 - a. Missing Distributive Receipts or Proof of Deposit remain outstanding for the following heirs:
 - i. Eloy Cordova Jr.
 - ii. Jimmy-Che Mendoza
 - iii. Benjamin Mendoza
 - iv. Robert Mendoza

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required. Counsel to provide the Court with an update.

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CASE#: 23PR-00099

CASE NAME: Estate of Cynthia A. Gonzales

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from November 18, 2024 re: Status of Closing of the Estate

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

1. Satisfaction and Release of Creditor Claims, Distributive Receipts and an Ex Parte Petition for Final Discharge. Prob Code §§11753, 12250

TENTATIVE RULING:

The Status Hearing is continued to May 21, 2025 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10 to allow counsel additional time to file the appropriate Satisfaction and Release of Creditor Claims, Distributive Receipts and Ex Parte Petition for Final Discharge with the Court.

CASE#: 24PR-00118

CASE NAME: Estate of Dixie L. Olson

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from December 5, 2024 re: Status on Filing of 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)

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required. Counsel to advise the Court on the status of filing an Inventory and Appraisal.

CASE#: 24PR-00215

CASE NAME: Estate of Edward Leroy Rowen

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from September 30, 2024 re: Status of filing an Inventory and Appraisal

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

1. An Inventory and Appraisal has not been filed. Prob Code §8800(b)

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required. Counsel to advise the Court on the status of filing an Inventory and Appraisal.

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CASE#: 24PR-00246

CASE NAME: Estate of Bradley Lee Lambert

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from September 30, 2024 re: Status of 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 September 30, 2024. A Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate is hereby set for October 29, 2025 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

CASE#: 24PR-00509

CASE NAME: In the Estate of Thelma Snyder

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from January 29, 2025 re: Petition for Letters of Administration with Full IAEA Authority

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

1. No Notice to all heirs, beneficiaries & executors. Prob Code §8100, §8110 *Corrected
2. No Proof of Publication with the corresponding signed affidavit.
Prob Code §8121, §8124
3. Duties & Liabilities Acknowledgment signed by the personal representative has not been filed. Prob Code §8404(a) *Corrected
4. Proposed Letters and Order for Probate has not been lodged.
Prob Code §8006, §8400 *Corrected
5. The amount of bond proposed to be posted appears to be insufficient for full IAEA Authority. Prob Code §8482

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

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CASE#: 25PR-00034

CASE NAME: Estate of Billie Fay Clark

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#: 25PR-00035

CASE NAME: Estate of Martin Calderon Duarte

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Petition for Letters of Testamentary with Full IAEA Authority

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

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

Absent any Objection the Court's intention is to approve the Petition for Letters Testamentary with Full IAEA Authority with no bond required. Probate Referee Michael Wright to be appointed. A Status Hearing ensuring the filing of an Inventory and Appraisal to be set for August 25, 2025 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

(End of Tentative Rulings)