

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: Thursday, July 18, 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-00369

CASE NAME: Estate of Gary David White

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from July 31, 2023 re: Review of Case Status 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.

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CASE#: 22PR-00164

CASE NAME: Estate of Kyoung Chang

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from June 12, 2024 re: Petition for First and Final Report of Administrator, Waiver of Account and Request for Attorney and Administrator's Fees and Costs

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

1. Satisfaction/Release of Claim have not been filed by Creditors:
 - a. Arvinder Singh Chada & Navjot Chada [*Withdrawal of Claim filed 6/5/24](#)
 - b. Global Discoveries, Ltd. [*Satisfaction of Claim filed 6/6/24](#)
2. Estate's interest in pending litigation has not been included/identified in any filed Inventory and Appraisal (Court in which case is pending, case number and case name) should be stated on the inventory, as well as the court in which the matter is pending). Prob Code §8902(b) [*Corrected – I&A filed 6/18/24](#)

TENTATIVE RULING:

Petition for First and Final Report of Administrator, Waiver of Account and Request for Attorney and Administrator's Fees and Costs is approved. A Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate is hereby set for March 19, 2025 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

CASE#: 23PR-00127

CASE NAME: Estate of Waneta Cheri Gilbert

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from May 29, 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)

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required. Counsel to provide a status on the filing of an Inventory and Appraisal.

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CASE#: 23PR-00324

CASE NAME: In the Matter of the J&E Bettencourt Trust Dated February 22, 2002

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from June 6, 2024 re: Status Review Hearing

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

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

CASE#: 23PR-000381

CASE NAME: The Pangelina Family Trust Agreement Dated November 18, 2004

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from April 25, 2024 re: Petition Regarding the Internal Affairs of a Trust; For Order Compelling Trustee to Provide an Account; For Relief From Any Breach of Trust Discovered; and for Payment of Attorney Fees

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

1. Trust documents provided are missing Schedule A [*Corrected](#)

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

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CASE#: 24PR-00160

CASE NAME: Estate of Sherry Lester

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Petition for Letters Testamentary with Full IEA Authority

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

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

Petition for Letters Testamentary with Full IEA Authority is approved. Will to be admitted into Probate. A Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate is hereby set for August 28, 2025 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

CASE#: 24PR-00162

CASE NAME:

In the Matter of the Agnes H. McNamara 1993 Revocable Living Trust dated July 13, 1993

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Petition for Appointment of Successor Co-Trustees

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

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

Petition for Appointment of Successor Co-Trustees is approved. Counsel to submit a proposed order.

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CASE#: P14599

CASE NAME: Estate of John McNamara

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Petition for Appointment of Successor Co-Trustees and Petition Approving the Removal of a Testamentary Trust from Court Supervision

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

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

(End of Tentative Rulings)