

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: Thursday, March 6, 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-00144

CASE NAME: Estate of Bruce Gray

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from December 4, 2024 re:

1. Status on Closing of the Estate
2. Petition for Order Approving Attorneys' Fees and Costs Advanced for Extraordinary Services

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

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

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CASE#: 23PR-00152

CASE NAME: Estate of Georgia Mae Melton

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Amended First and Final Account and Waiver of Account and Report of Executor

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

1. Amended Petition filed on February 24, 2025 does not identify the assets on hand for distribution. CRC 7.550(b)(4)
2. A proposed Order has not been lodged with the Court. MSC Rule 100.E

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

CASE#: 24PR-00223

CASE NAME: Estate of Ricardo Lopez Nunez

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from September 5, 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 January 30, 2025. A Status Hearing ensuring the closing of the estate is hereby set for October 15, 2025 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

CASE#: 24PR-00224

CASE NAME: Estate of Joy Stone

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from September 6, 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 November 5, 2024. The hearing on the *Petition for First and Final Report of Executor* currently set for April 14, 2025 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10 is confirmed.

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CASE#: 24PR-00225

CASE NAME: Estate of George Duane Reynolds

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from September 6, 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 December 24, 2024. A Status Hearing ensuring the closing of the estate is hereby set for October 22, 2025 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

CASE#: 25PR-00042

CASE NAME: Estate of Eric J. Salado

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Petition for Probate of Will and for Letters Testamentary

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
2. Proposed Letters and Order for Probate has not been lodged.
Prob Code §8006, §8400

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

CASE#: 25PR-00043

CASE NAME: Estate of Gardenia Dream Gause

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Petition for Administration with Full IAEA Authority

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

1. Petition does not specify the location of the decedent's property which is to include the street address and city of the property referenced in Item 3a(2).
2. Bond has not been waived by all beneficiaries. No Waiver of Bond filed by Terrie Hagins. Prob Code §8481(a)(2)
3. No Notice to all heirs. Prob Code §8100, §8110
4. No Proof of Publication with the corresponding signed affidavit.
Prob Code §8121, §8124

TENTATIVE RULING:

The hearing is continued to April 10, 2025 at 8:15 a.m. for correction of deficiencies.

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CASE#: 21PR-00406 (*lead case)

CASE NAME: Estate of Edward Anthony Vanek II

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from July 11, 2024 re: Status Review

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.

(End of Tentative Rulings)