

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](mailto: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

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DATE: Thursday, April 10, 2025  
TIME: 8:15 AM  
Courtroom 10  
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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-00098

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Teresita Flores Chargualaf

**THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:**

Continued from February 19, 2025 re: Status Hearing ensuring Closing of the Estate

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

1. A Petition for Final Account or Status Report has not been filed.  
Prob Code §12200-12201 [\\*Corrected](#)

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

No appearance required. The Administrator has filed a *Report of Administrator on Waiver of Account and Petition for Its Settlement, For Statutory Compensation to Administrator and Attorneys and Compensation to Attorneys for Extraordinary Legal Services and For Final Distribution* currently set and is confirmed for hearing on June 18, 2025 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

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**CASE#:** 22PR-00167

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Watson L. Marquardt

**THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:**

Continued from February 14, 2025 re: Petition for Final Distribution

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

1. What is the current status of the following assets as reflected in Inventory and Appraisals filed on 6/9/23 ad 12/9/23:
  - a. US Bank CD IRA - \$7,355.25 *\*Addressed at the 7/10/24 hrg*
  - b. US Bank CD IRA - \$7,093.71 *\*Addressed at the 7/10/24 hrg*
2. Submitted Petition does not contain an Accounting or Waiver of Accounting. Prob Code §§1060-1064, 10954, 10800-10805, 10810, CRC 7.705, 7.550(b) *\*Corrected 9/17/24*
3. The Petition does not address any of the notices as required by Probate Code §9202. *\*Corrected 9/17/24*
4. Character of the Property to be distributed has not been identified. CRC 7.652 *\*Remains deficient for the 2/14/25 hearing*
5. Distribution of assets (in Petition) does not comply with the manner provided for in the Probate Code for intestate succession. Prob Code §§240, 6400 et seq. *\*Remains deficient for the 2/14/25 hearing*
6. An Amended Petition incorporating the corrections made has not been filed as directed by the Court on 9/30/24. *\*Newly noted for the 2/14/25 hearing*
7. The distributive amounts for each heir concerning the US Bank Money Market Savings reflects each a greater distribution than the amount reflected in the previously filed Inventory and Appraisal. Is the difference due to interest received? *\*Remains deficient for the 2/14/25 hearing*

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

Appearance required.

**CASE#:** 23PR-00171

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Ralph Lawrence Robledo

**THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:**

Continued from January 15, 2025 re: Status Hearing on 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

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

Appearance required. Counsel to advise the Court on the filing of the appropriate Distributive Receipts and Ex Parte Petition for Final Discharge with the Court.

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**CASE#:** 23PR-00293

**CASE NAME:** Estate of James Walter Harmer

**THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:**

1. Continued from October 23, 2024 re: Filing of Inventory and Appraisal
2. First and Final Report of Executor on Waiver of Account, Waiver of Statutory Compensation for Executor and Waiver of Attorney Fees and For Final Distribution

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

1. The Petition states a preliminary distribution of \$200,000.00 was made to the named beneficiaries with no information or corresponding distributive receipts provided as to the amount each beneficiary received. Prob Code §11751
2. No Proof of Service reflecting Notice to all interested parties utilizing mandatory Judicial Council form (DE-120). Prob Code §§11000, 1220
3. A proposed Order has not been lodged. Proposed Order should reflect the specific dollar amount to be distributed to each beneficiary. MSC 100 E.

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

The hearing is continued to May 29, 2025 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10 for correction of deficiencies.

**CASE#:** 24PR-00012

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Anthony Michael Hernandez Valadez

**THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:**

Continued from January 9, 2025 re: Status on Closing of the Estate

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

1. An Ex Parte Petition For Final Discharge And Order (DE-295) has not been submitted. Prob Code §§11753, 12250

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

The Status Review Hearing is continued to July 2, 2025 at 8:15 a.m. allowing counsel additional time to file the appropriate Ex Parte Petition for Final Discharge with the Court.

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**CASE#:** 24PR-00033

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Dorothy Marie Eichert

**THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:**

Continued from October 23, 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 Administrator has filed a First and Final Report of Administrator with Will Annexed on Waiver of Account and Petition for Final Distribution and For Reimbursement of Costs Advances by Attorneys, Allowance of Statutory and Extraordinary Compensation to Attorneys, Allowance of Statutory Compensation to Administrator, and for Reimbursement of Advances Made to the Estate by Administrator currently set and is confirmed for hearing on July 23, 2025 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

**CASE#:** 24PR-00202

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Robert Adolph Ornelas

**THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:**

First and Final Report of Executor on Waiver of Account and Petition for Final Distribution, and For Allowance of Compensation to Attorneys for Ordinary and Extraordinary Services

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

None.

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

No appearance required. The First and Final Report of Executor on Waiver of Account and Petition for Final Distribution, and For Allowance of Compensation to Attorneys for Ordinary and Extraordinary Services is approved. A Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate is hereby set for July 30, 2025 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

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**CASE#:** 25PR-00050

**CASE NAME:** In the Matter of the Dorothy Jean Souza Trust dated June 2, 2016

**THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:**

Petition for Order Confirming Trust Assets (Probate Code §850(a)(3)(B))

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

1. Notice has not been provided utilizing mandatory Judicial Council form Notice of Hearing on Petition to Determine Claim to Property (DE-115). Prob Code §851

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

The hearing is continued to May 19, 2025 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10 for correction of the deficiency.

**CASE#:** 23PR-00009

**CASE NAME:** In the Matter of the Enedina Melgosa Trust

**THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:**

Continued from January 22, 2025 re: Trial Readiness Conference

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

None.

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

Appearance required.

(End of Tentative Rulings)