

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

**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: James LaPorte

DATE: Wednesday, January 15, 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#: 18PR-00131

CASE NAME: Estate of Nestor Navarro

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

1. Third Petition for Allowance of Extraordinary Compensation to Administrator and to Attorneys for the Period April 1, 2024 through July 31, 2024
2. Trial Setting Conference re: Petition for Surcharge

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

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required. Absent any Objection, the Court's intention is to approve the Third Petition for Allowance of Extraordinary Compensation to Administrator and to Attorneys for the Period April 1, 2024 through July 31, 2024.

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CASE#: 18PR-00345

CASE NAME: Guardianship of Andrea E. Navarro and Sofia C. Navarro

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from December 10, 2024 re: Trailing case #18PR-00131 Estate of Nestor Navarro

TENTATIVE RULING:

Trailing case #18PR-00131 Estate of Nestor Navarro

CASE#: 21PR-00425

CASE NAME: Estate of Lisa Akiko Murphy

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from September 4, 2024 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

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required. Counsel to advise the Court on the current case status.

CASE#: 23PR-00171

CASE NAME: Estate of Ralph Lawrence Robledo

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from October 24, 2024 re: Status Hearing on Closing of the Estate

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

No appearance required. The Status Review Hearing is continued to April 16, 2025 at 8:15 am in Courtroom 10 allowing counsel additional time to file the appropriate Distributive Receipts and Ex Parte Petition for Final Discharge with the Court.

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CASE#: 23PR-00237

CASE NAME: Estate of Leness James Antoine

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Administrator's Final Report, Account, and Petition for Order Approving Administrator's Actions and Sale of Real Property, Allowing Reimbursement to Administrator for Out of Pocket Expenditures, Directing Payment of Statutory Compensation to Administrator and Attorney, Directing Reimbursement of Costs to Attorney, Directing Distribution of Estate then Remaining to Beneficiaries, Exonerating and Discharging Administrator and Settling the Estate

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

1. Court's discretion regarding any additional notice to be provided to the heirs of the proposed payment for the newly submitted invoices concerning the decedent's funeral related expenses as the distributive amount for each heir would be affected.

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

CASE#: 23PR-00283

CASE NAME: Estate of Jorge Alberto Armenta

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from July 15, 2024 re: Status Hearing on Closing of the Estate

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

1. Does the estate consist of any real property not yet included in any Inventory and Appraisal?
2. A Petition for Final Account or Status Report has not been filed.
Prob Code §12200-12201

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

CASE#: 23PR-00286

CASE NAME: Guardianship of Nubia Armenta

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from October 23, 2024 re: Review of Case Status

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

1. An Inventory and Appraisal remains unfiled with the Court as required by law. Prob Code §2614.5
2. Acknowledgement of Receipt of Order and Funds in Blocked Account (MC-356) filed on 11/7/24 is deficient the amount ordered by the Court on 7/15/24 to be placed in a blocked account.

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

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CASE#: 24PR-00166

CASE NAME: Estate of Lupe Contreras

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from August 1, 2024 re: Status on Filing of 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 August 7, 2024. A Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate is hereby set for September 8, 2025 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

CASE#: 24PR-00368

CASE NAME: Estate of Raul Alejo Valdivas

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Spousal Property Petition

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

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

The Spousal Property Petition is approved.

(End of Tentative Rulings)