

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: Mark Bacciarini

DATE: Wednesday, January 22, 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#: 22PR-00363

CASE NAME: Estate of Ruben Villarreal

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from September 25, 2024 re: Status on 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

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

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CASE#: 23PR-00201

CASE NAME: Estate of Marvin E. Hanneman

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued October 7, 2024 re: Status Hearing on 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.

CASE#: 24PR-00339

CASE NAME: Estate of Thomas Sugioka

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from December 18, 2024 re: Petition for Letters of Administration with Full IAEA Authority

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

1. What is the relationship of Marian Kiyoko Sugioka to the decedent? [*Corrected per the Amended Petition filed 12/17/24](#)
2. No Notice to all heirs, beneficiaries & executors. Prob Code §8100, §8110
3. No Proof of Publication with the corresponding signed affidavit.
Prob Code §8121, §8124
4. Mandatory Duties & Liabilities Acknowledgment form (DE-147) signed by the personal representative has not been filed. Prob Code §8404(a) [*Corrected – Filed 12/26/24](#)
5. Petition does not address bond and bond has not been waived by all beneficiaries. Any required bond is at the Court's discretion.
Prob Code §8481, CRC 7.201 [Amended Petition filed on 12/17/24 – does not include a Waiver of Bond signed by any heirs. Bond remains an issue at the 1/22/25 hearing.](#)
6. Proposed Letters and Order for Probate has not been submitted.
Prob Code §8006, §8400

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

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CASE#: 24PR-00411

CASE NAME: Estate of Jose J. Andrade Calderon, Jr.

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from December 19, 2024 re: Petition for Letters of Administration with Full IAEA Authority

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

1. The decedent is a citizen of a foreign country and notice is required to be provided to the recognized diplomatic or consular official of the foreign country maintaining an office in the United States. Prob Code 8113 **Proof of Service filed on 12/3/24 reflects Notice was not provided on the mandatory Notice of Petition to Administer Estate form (DE-121). Prob Code 8100, et seq. *Filed 1/8/25 - Corrected*
2. No Proof of Publication with the corresponding signed affidavit. Prob Code §8121, §8124 **Corrected*

TENTATIVE RULING:

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

CASE#: 24PR-00502

CASE NAME: Estate of Kim Brian Kahl

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Petition for Letters of Administration with Will Annexed 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.

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CASE#: 23PR-00009

CASE NAME: In the Matter of the Enedina Melgosa Trust

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from March 14, 2024 re: Status of Accounting/Trial Setting Conference

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

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

(End of Tentative Rulings)