

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

*\*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: Donald Proietti

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DATE: Wednesday, November 13, 2024  
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#:** 18PR-00306

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Sylvester Zeledon

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

Continued from July 17, 2024 re: Status 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:**

The Status Review Hearing is continued to January 6, 2025 at 8:15 am 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#:** 21PR-00437

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Marguerite Ellin Carey

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

Continued from August 30, 2024 re: Status Hearing Ensuring the 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:**

Appearance required.

**CASE#:** 23PR-00228

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Silvia Esparza Vera

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

Continued from April 5, 2024 re: Status Hearing 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. The Administrator to provide the Court with a current status on closing of the estate.

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**CASE#:** 23PR-00425

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Albert Eric Groth

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

Continued from September 18, 2024 re:

1. Order to Show Cause re: Sanctions/Possible Removal of Administrator
2. Status on Filing of an Inventory and Appraisal

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

1. Proposed Letters and Order for Probate have not been submitted since the Administrator was appointed on March 6, 2024. Prob Code §8006, §8400
2. An Inventory and Appraisal has not been filed. Prob Code §8800(b)

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

Appearance required.

**CASE#:** 24PR-00076

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Dawn Lee Duxbury

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

Continued from May 10, 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 September 5, 2024. The hearing on the *First and Final Report of Administrator on Waiver of Account and Petition for Allowance of Compensation to Attorney for Ordinary and Extraordinary Services and for Final Distribution* currently set for January 23, 2025 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10 is hereby confirmed.

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**CASE#:** 24PR-00312

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Richard Gilbert Douglas aka Richard G. Douglas aka  
Richard Douglas

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

Continued from September 26, 2024 re: Petition For Letters of Administration with Full  
IAEA Authority

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

1. A written Objection by Rosetta Douglas Carter remains unfiled.

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

Appearance required.

**CASE#:** 21PR-00357

**CASE NAME:**

In the Matter of the George E. Mitchell 2021 Trust dated January 15, 2021

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

Continued from June 7, 2024 re: Status Review Hearing

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

1. Request for Dismissal for this action remains unsubmitted.

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

Appearance required.

(End of Tentative Rulings)