

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: Donald Proietti

DATE: Wednesday, October 23, 2024
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-00393

CASE NAME: Estate of Leopoldo Castro, Sr.

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from August 21, 2024 re: Status Hearing

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

1. An Inventory and Appraisal has not been filed. Prob Code §8800(b) [*Corrected](#)
2. 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-00083

CASE NAME: Estate of Juan U. Garcia

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from July 15, 2024 re: Status Hearing on Closure 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 Petition and Report on Waiver of Account for Final Settlement, For Waiver of Statutory Commission, for allowance of Statutory Attorney Fees, and Final Distribution currently set for February 3, 2025 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10 is hereby confirmed.

CASE#: 23PR-00088

CASE NAME: Estate of Alice Gresham

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from July 15, 2024 re: Status Hearing on Closure 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. Counsel to advise the Court on the current case status.

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CASE#: 23PR-00136

CASE NAME: Estate of Roberto Soria Sandoval

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from July 15, 2024 re: Status Review Hearing

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

1. A Status Report has not been filed. Prob Code §12200-12201
2. Decedent's Will has not been lodged with the Court. Prob Code §8200

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

CASE#: 23PR-00286

CASE NAME: Guardianship of Nubia Armenta

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from July 15, 2024 re: Review of Case Status

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

1. An Inventory and Appraisal has not been filed. Prob Code §2614.5
2. Acknowledgement of Receipt of Order and Funds in Blocked Account (MC-356) has not been filed.

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

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CASE#: 23PR-00293

CASE NAME: Estate of James Walter Harmer

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from April 15, 2024 re: Filing of 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 June 25, 2024. A Status Hearing ensuring the closing of the estate is hereby set for April 16, 2025 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

CASE#: 24PR-00033

CASE NAME: Estate of Dorothy Marie Eichert

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from April 15, 2024 re: Filing of 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 13, 2024. A Status Hearing ensuring the closing of the estate is hereby set for April 16, 2025 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

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CASE#: 24PR-00386

CASE NAME: Estate of Marilyn Frances Gorman

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Petition for Letters of Administration 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:

The hearing is continued to December 2, 2024 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10 for correction of deficiencies.

CASE#: 24PR-00387

CASE NAME: Estate of Mary Navarro

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Petition for Letters of Testamentary with Full IAEA Authority

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

1. No Declination to Serve as Executor has been submitted by Maria Elena Hoskins.
2. Notice is improper and has been effectuated by the Petitioner who is a party to the action. CCP §1013a.(1)
3. No Proof of Publication with the corresponding signed affidavit.
Prob Code §8121, §8124
4. Proposed Letters and Order for Probate has not been submitted.
Prob Code §8006, §8400

TENTATIVE RULING:

The hearing is continued to December 2, 2024 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10 for correction of deficiencies.

(End of Tentative Rulings)