

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 notify that documents have been filed, 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 or status of orders 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  
Los Banos Division  
HONORABLE: Jennifer O. Trimble

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DATE: Thursday, January 16, 2025  
TIME: 8:30 AM  
Courtroom 12  
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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-00230

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Carol Marie Robles, aka Carol M. Robles, aka Carol Robles

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

Review Hearing re: Status of Ex Parte Petition For Final Discharge

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

1. No Ex Parte Petition For Final Discharge submitted. Prob Code §12250

**PROBATE EXAMINER'S RECOMMENDATION:**

Appearance required.

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**CASE#:** 23PR-00379

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Rose Marie Cavanah

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

1. Review Hearing re: Petition For Final Distribution or Status Report;
2. Continued Hearing re Department of Health Care Services' Creditor's Claim

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

1. No Petition For Final Distribution or Status Report filed. Prob Code §12200;
2. Clarification whether Executor paid the Department of Health Care Services ("DHCS") Creditor's Claim of \$120,402.10.
3. Clarification, if Executor did pay said DHCS Creditor's Claim, whether the payment occurred on or after September 24, 2024 - the date when counsel for Executor lodged with the Court an Allowance of Creditor's Claim seeking Court approval ("court supervision") of said Creditor's Claim. Prob Code §§9251(b); 10401; 10500(b). Paragraph 12 of the lodged Allowance of Creditor's Claim.
4. Clarification, if Executor did pay the DHCS Creditor's Claim on or after September 24, 2024, the basis for payment of said Claim after Estate appeared to relinquish its authority under the IAEA to pay said claim when it requested Court supervision (even if Estate previously had the authority to act under the IAEA). Prob Code §§9251(b); 10401; 10500(b). Paragraph 12 of the lodged Allowance of Creditor's Claim.
5. No Declaration filed by Counsel regarding legal authority and circumstances of paying the DHCS Creditor's Claim, with an attached copy of the check, to be filed one week before the hearing.

**PROBATE EXAMINER'S RECOMMENDATION:**

Appearance required.

**CASE#:** 23PR-00388

**CASE NAME:** Estate of John Stephen Russell aka John S. Russell, John Russell

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

Review Hearing re: Status of Ex Parte Petition For Final Discharge

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

1. No Ex Parte Petition For Final Discharge submitted. Prob Code §12250.

**PROBATE EXAMINER'S RECOMMENDATION:**

Appearance required.

(End of Probate Notes)