

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF MERCED

2260 N Street, Merced
627 W. 21st Street, Merced
1159 G Street, Los Banos

Friday, March 21, 2025

NOTE: Merced Superior Court will no longer be consolidating Courtroom 8 and Courtroom 10.

Tentative Rulings are provided for the following Courtrooms and assigned Judicial Officers with scheduled civil matters:

Courtroom 8 – Hon. Stephanie L. Jamieson

Courtroom 9 – Commissioner David Foster

Courtroom 12 – Hon. Jennifer O. Trimble

Courtroom 10 will continue to post separate Probate Notes that are not included in these tentative rulings.

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The specific tentative rulings for specific calendars follow:

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF MERCED

Civil Law and Motion
Hon. Stephanie L. Jamieson
Courtroom 8
627 W. 21st Street, Merced

Friday, March 21, 2025
8:15 a.m.

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) 725-4111 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 appear.

Per California Rules of Court, rule 3.1308(a)(1), failure to do both items 1 and 2 will result in no oral argument. *Note:* Notifying Court Call (the court's telephonic appearance provider) of your intent to appear does not satisfy the requirement of notifying the court.

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23CV-00137	Joseph Griffith v. Robert O'Bryant, et al.
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Motion for Immediate Ruling on Amended MSJ and TRO

Plaintiff's motion requesting a ruling without hearing on an amended "MSJ" and "TRO" is DENIED.

This court has already ruled on plaintiff's motion for summary judgment. This court has also put plaintiff on notice of the statutory requirements for a motion for reconsideration, which includes any motion classified as an "amended" motion following ruling in an effort to compel a different result.

Plaintiff's motion further appears to request "ruling" in the form of immediate judgment in his favor. That request is DENIED. Plaintiff asserts that "there are no active defendants contesting the pending MSJ or TRO." He further asserts that no party has "standing" to oppose plaintiff's motions. In the event these assertions were true, they would merely serve to further establish that plaintiff has no right to recover against the named defendants, Robert and Gloria O'Bryant. This Court further notes that plaintiff has previously asserted incapacity as to Robert O'Bryant and death as to Gloria O'Bryant, yet has failed to comply with the necessary pleading requirements for defendants who are incapacitated or deceased.

23CV-01373

Bhupinder Sahota v. Fortis General Construction, Inc., et al.

Motion to be Relieved as Counsel for Plaintiff

The unopposed motion to be relieved as counsel for plaintiff, Bhupinder Sahota, is GRANTED, effective upon service of notice of entry of the order granting the motion. The court will sign the order lodged on February 10, 2025.

All parties, including Plaintiff Bhupinder, are ordered to appear at the case management conference currently set for April 7, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in Courtroom 8.

24CV-01091

Dennis Brazil v. Newrez LLC, et al.

Demurrer to Second Amended Complaint

The unopposed demurrer to the second amended complaint is SUSTAINED WITH LEAVE TO AMEND for failing to state a cause of action and misjoinder of the parties.

25CV-00661

Petition of: Matthew Buchmiller

Order to Show Cause re: Name Change

Appearance required. Remote appearances are permitted. Parties who wish to appear remotely must contact the clerk of the court at (209) 725-4111 to arrange for a remote appearance. Appear to address the status of publication of this petition by an adult to change his own last name.

25CV-00710

Madeline Lerma v. Karen Lerma

Order to Show Cause re: Restraining Order

Appearance required. Remote appearances are permitted. Parties who wish to appear remotely must contact the clerk of the court at (209) 725-4111 to arrange for a remote appearance. No proof of service of respondent has been filed with the court.

25CV-00935

In the Matter of: Sean Patrick O'Neal

Hearing: In Camera

Appearance required. Remote appearances are permitted. Parties who wish to appear remotely must contact the clerk of the court at (209) 725-4111 to arrange for a remote appearance.

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Ex Parte Matters
Hon. Stephanie L. Jamieson
Courtroom 8
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Ex Parte Matters
Commissioner David Foster
Courtroom 9
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Hon. Jennifer O. Trimble
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