

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. Updates to the Probate Examiner's Notes typically will be posted 3 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.

Superior Court of California, County of Merced  
PROBATE CALENDAR  
HONORABLE: Donald Proietti

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DATE: Friday, May 17, 2024  
TIME: 8:15 AM & 8:30 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.**

**8:15 AM CALENDAR**

**CASE#:** 23PR-00007

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Mark R. Banks

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

Continued from April 17, 2024 re: First and Final Report and Account and Request for Final Distribution; Request for Payment of Statutory Fees.

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

1. A miscalculation is reflected in the body of the Petition (page 6) and is different from the amount of cash on hand as reflected in Schedule 5 (*\*incorrectly referenced in the Petition as Schedule 4*). This miscalculation affects the proposed distributive amounts to each beneficiary. **\*Corrected**
2. Request for extraordinary compensation includes time for "SF" at \$120/hour that is missing paralegal declaration showing experience/oversight/continuing education. CRC 7.703(e) **\*Corrected per Declaration filed 4/12/24**
3. Additional information needed concerning the identification of the following persons who have not previously been identified or provided notice: Jeffrey Johnston, Alexis Johnston. **\*Corrected**

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

No appearance required. First and Final Report and Account and Request for Final Distribution; Request for Payment of Statutory Fees is approved. A Status Hearing ensuring the Closure of the Estate is hereby set for July 8, 2024 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

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**CASE#:** 24PR-00064

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Juan Pulido

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

Continued from May 3, 2024 re: Spousal Property Petition

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

None.

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

No appearance required. The hearing is dropped from calendar. The Spousal Property Order was signed by the Court on May 8, 2024.

**CASE#:** 24PR-00090

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Hazel Stultz

**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:**

None.

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

Recommend to grant. A Status Hearing ensuring the filing of an Inventory and Appraisal to be set for December 2, 2024 at 8:15 a.m.

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**CASE#:** 24PR-00097

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Mary J. Douglas

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

Petition for 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 June 26, 2024 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10 for correction of the deficiency.

**CASE#:** 24PR-00102

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Maria Teresa Reyes De Medina

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

Petition for Administration with Full IAEA Authority

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

1. Petition does not reflect the date of death for the decedent's predeceased spouse. Prob Code §6402.5
2. No Proof of Publication with the corresponding signed affidavit.  
Prob Code §8121, §8124

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

The hearing is continued to June 26, 2024 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10 for correction of the deficiencies.

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**8:30 AM CALENDAR**

**CASE#:** 21PR-00181

**CASE NAME:** Conservatorship of Kristal Rene Limon

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

Continued from April 12, 2024 re:

1. Petition for Attorney's Fees and Costs
2. Status Review Hearing

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

1. A Supplemental Brief has not been filed with the Court.

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

Appearance required.

**CASE#:** 21PR-00347

**CASE NAME:** Conservatorship of Areliano Salgado De Leon

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

Second and Final Account and Report of Conservator, Petition for Allowance of Fees to Conservator of the Person and Estate and to the Attorney

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

None.

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

Second and Final Account and Report of Conservator, Petition for Allowance of Fees to Conservator of the Person and Estate and to the Attorney is approved. Counsel to submit a proposed order. A Status Hearing ensuring the filing of an Ex Parte Petition for Final Discharge is hereby set for June 28, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

(End of Tentative Rulings)