

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: Wednesday, May 29, 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#:** 21PR-00194

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Antonia Regalado

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

Continued from March 28, 2024 re: Status of 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:**

No appearance required. The Status Review Hearing is hereby continued to August 2, 2024 at 8:15 am in Courtroom 10 to allow counsel additional time to file the appropriate Distributive Receipts and Ex Parte Petition for Final Discharge with the Court.

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**CASE#:** 22PR-00210

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Thelma Hittle

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

Continued from March 27, 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:**

No appearance required. The Status Review Hearing is hereby continued to August 2, 2024 at 8:15 am in Courtroom 10 to allow the Administrator additional time to file the appropriate Distributive Receipts and Ex Parte Petition for Final Discharge with the Court.

**CASE#:** 23PR-00127

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Waneta Cheri Gilbert

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

Continued from April 10, 2024 re: Status Hearing

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

1. An Inventory and Appraisal has not been filed. Prob Code §8800(b)

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

Appearance required. Counsel to provide status on the filing of an Inventory and Appraisal.

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**CASE#:** 23PR-00193

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Richard Lee Burns

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

Continued from March 7, 2024 re: Status on Closure 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:**

No appearance required. The Status Review Hearing is hereby continued to August 2, 2024 at 8:15 am in Courtroom 10 to allow the Administrator additional time to file the appropriate Distributive Receipts and Ex Parte Petition for Final Discharge with the Court.

**CASE#:** 23PR-00307

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Dina A. Brogden

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

Petition for Settlement of First and Final Account, For Payment of Costs and Compensation of Statutory Fees, and For Final Distribution

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

None.

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

No appearance required. The Petition for Settlement of First and Final Account, For Payment of Costs and Compensation of Statutory Fees, and For Final Distribution is approved. A Status Hearing is hereby set for August 5, 2024 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10 ensuring the closing of the estate.

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**CASE#:** 23PR-00148

**CASE NAME:** In the Matter of the Ricarda Aguirre Martinez Living Trust

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

Continued from March 18, 2024 re: Status Hearing

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

1. Accountings do not appear to be before the Court for approval as they do not comply with Probate Code 16063(a).
2. Notice of Hearing has not been filed reflecting service on all beneficiaries. Prob Code §§17100, 17203, CRC 7.51 \*Corrected

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

Appearance required. Counsel to provide the Court with a case status.

(End of Tentative Rulings)