

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, October 20, 2021  
TIME: 8:15 AM  
DEPT: 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. **To limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the court will only conduct remote hearings. 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#:** 20PR-00379

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Joseph Plagenza II

**THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:**  
Petition for Final Distribution, Fee Request

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

1. No supporting documentation (detailed description) concerning the requested reimbursed costs has been provided.

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

Hearing continued to November 10, 2021 for supporting documentation to be provided.

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**CASE#:** P18668

**CASE NAME:** Estate of Manuel K. Lopes

**COUNSEL:**

Kenneth M. Lopes (Petitioner)...J. Wilmar Jensen, Esq.  
Manuel K. Lopes (Decedent/DOD: 2/10/87)

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

Continued for September 16, 2021 re: Petition for Order Appointing Successor Trustee;  
For Final Distribution; and for Termination of Testamentary Trust

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

Appearance required. Counsel to update the Court as to status

**CASE#:** P26624

**CASE NAME:** In re The Manzanedo Family Trust Agreement, dated September 1, 2000

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

Continued from September 22, 2021 re: 1. Notice of Motion to Compel Trust  
Accounting, Reimbursement and Review by the Court and 2. Order to Show Cause re:  
Sanctions

**TENTATIVE RULING:**

Appearance required.

(End of Tentative Rulings)