

Rule 94.
DOMESTIC RELATIONS

(a) Settlement Conference. The Court may order a settlement conference in any domestic relations case. Also, a party may note a motion for a settlement conference on the domestic docket. If a settlement conference is ordered, the attorneys who will be in charge of each party's case shall attend personally and shall be prepared to discuss in detail and in good faith the issues of fact and law remaining, the evidence pertaining to the issues and the respective positions of the parties on settlement. The attorneys shall be accompanied by their clients unless excused by the judge. The proceedings of the settlement conference shall be privileged and not recorded. If a settlement is not reached, the settlement judge shall not make any order or preside at that trial on the merits without consent of all parties.

(b) Pretrial Conference. In all domestic relations cases, the Court Administrator will schedule a pretrial conference on the domestic docket the week before the week the case is scheduled for trial. The attorneys and/or parties shall attend the pretrial conference to discuss the status of the case and its readiness for trial.

(c) Statement-Contested Dissolutions. In any action for dissolution of a marriage in which property division, the parenting plan, spousal maintenance or child support is an issue, each party shall serve on the other party and file with the court a written summary setting forth:

- (1) Statement of the issues.
- (2) A statement of the party's proposed resolution of the issues.
- (3) A description and valuation of the assets and liabilities of the parties, together with a proposed division thereof.
- (4) The party's proposed parenting plan.

Each party's written summary must be served and filed no later than four days before the pretrial conference or settlement conference, whichever occurs first. Failure to timely serve and file the summary as required may result in sanctions.

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