

J. CASE CONFERENCES AND SETTLEMENT CONFERENCES

- 26.1 Counsel and parties are expected to attend all conferences in person.
- 26.2 Parties may arrange for a conference to occur by teleconference with the consent of both parties and their counsel. If the other party will not consent, a request for a teleconference may be made by filing a Form 14B Motion Form.
- 26.3. Counsel or the parties should communicate before any conference in order to attempt to resolve the issues that are in dispute unless the parties are self-represented and prohibited from communication by court order.
- 26.4 A date for a case conference may only be obtained upon one side filing a case conference brief.
- 26.5 Once a case or settlement conference has been scheduled no adjournments will be permitted except in exceptional circumstances. If exceptional circumstances arise, the party requesting the adjournment must obtain the permission, in writing, of a Superior Court Justice.
- 26.6. Trial management conferences may not be adjourned without a judge's order, which must be obtained either by 14B motion or by appearing before the court. The adjournment request must set out compelling reasons why the parties are not ready to go ahead, along with a proposed timetable to move the case forward.
27. Parties must serve and file a Trial Scheduling Endorsement Form with their Settlement Conference briefs, so that if the matter does not settle at the Settlement Conference a trial date can be scheduled.