

TITLE IV

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Rule No: 27.0

Request

**1st Judicial District
Court
Parish of Caddo**

RULE 10. PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCES

Adopted effective
Jan. 1, 1994.

1. Pre-trial conferences are not mandatory, but may be scheduled in individual cases by the judge, either on his own motion or on request of a party. (See also Rule Nine, Section 2.)
 2. [Pub. Note: There is no paragraph 2.]
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**4th Judicial District
Court
Parishes of
Morehouse and
Ouachita**

See Rule 35.0, section B. Scheduling of Hearing Officer Conference

Effective January 1,
2010

**14th Judicial District
Court
Parish of Calcasieu**

To view the current Title IV Rules of the 14th JDC, click here
<http://www.lasc.org/rules/dist.ct/14thJDCTABLETITILEIV.PDF>

**15th Judicial District
Court
Parishes of Acadia,
Lafayette and
Vermilion**

Amended effective
April 1, 2005

Either party may request a pre-trial conference or status conference. It shall be within the Court's discretion as to whether such conference shall be conducted. If a party desires a pre-trial or status conference, the requesting party shall obtain available dates and times from the judge's office. Once available dates and times are obtained, the requesting party shall confer with the other party to agree upon a mutually convenient time and the issues to be discussed. The requesting party shall fax a letter to the Judge stating that he has conferred with the opposing party. The letter shall also set forth the date and time of the conference and the issues to be discussed. The judge's office shall fax a confirmation to all parties.

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**18th Judicial District
Court**

RULE 10.2 PRE TRIAL PROCEDURE

**Parishes of Iberville,
Pointe Coupee and
West Baton Rouge**

Section 4. Except for action initiated pursuant to R.S. 23:1021, et seq. (Workmen's Compensation), and domestic relations cases in all cases scheduled for pre trial conference, counsel for all parties are required to confer in advance of the said conference for the purpose of arriving at all possible stipulations, exchanging copies of all documents which shall be offered in evidence at the trial, preparing a list of the names and addresses of all witnesses (except those to be used for impeachment of rebuttal) who will or may testify at the trial, and for the further purpose of preparing for submission to the Court the proposed pre trial order hereinafter described.

**22nd Judicial District
Court**

It shall be within the Division Judge's discretion whether a status conference shall be scheduled. If a party desires a status conference, they shall fax a letter to the Judge's office stating that they have conferred with all opposing parties and all have agreed to a status conference. The letter shall set forth the issues to be discussed. The attorneys shall confirm with the Judge's office whether the status conference is to be held and whether their appearance is to be by telephone or they are to personally appear before the Judge.

**Parishes of St.
Tammany and
Washington**

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23, 2010; amended
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**24th Judicial District
Court
Parish of Jefferson**

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A. Pre-trial conferences, scheduling, and status conferences are not mandatory, but may be scheduled in individual cases by the judge, or the domestic commissioner as to matters within his or her areas of responsibility, either on the judge or commissioner's own motion or on request of a party in conformity with La. C.C.P. Art. 1551.

B. The following matters may be considered at the pre-trial, scheduling or status conference in conformity with La. C.C.P. Art. 1551.

1. The simplification of the issues, including the elimination of frivolous claims or defenses;
2. The necessity or desirability of amendments to the pleadings;
3. What material facts and issues exist without substantial controversy, and what material facts and issues are actually in good faith controverted;
4. Proof, stipulations regarding the authenticity of documents, and advance rulings from the court on the admissibility of evidence;
5. Limitations or restrictions on or regulation of the use of expert testimony under La. Code of Evidence Art. 702;
6. The control and scheduling of discovery;
7. The identification of witnesses, documents, and exhibits;
8. Such other matters as may aid in the disposition of the action.

C. During such conferences, the parties are expected to disclose their respective positions and to stipulate as to all matters not at issue. The court or commissioner shall cause such stipulations to be placed on the record to conserve time at trial or hearing. The parties at such conference may likewise be required to state objections or lack thereof to any exhibit, document, photograph, or other such evidence which another party to the suit proposes to offer in evidence.

D. At such conferences, the court or commissioner, in its discretion, may seek to advise and assist the parties to achieve a voluntary resolution of their differences.

E. The court or commissioner should not be expected, at any stage of the proceedings, to force any compromise upon reluctant counsel or parties. Counsel are expected to appear at conferences knowing what authority, if any, their respective client will grant with respect to resolving the differences between the parties. If there is any reasonable prospect of compromise, counsel are expected to exert reasonable efforts to that end prior to and during such conferences.

F. The court or commissioner, within the areas of his or her responsibility, may require counsel for the parties to confer in advance of the conference for the purpose of arriving at all possible stipulations, exchanging copies of all documents which may be offered in evidence at the trial or hearing, preparing a list of names and addresses of all witnesses (except those to be used for impeachment or rebuttal) who will or may testify at the trial, and for the further purpose of preparing for submission to the court or commissioner a pre-trial order.

G. If a party's attorney fails to obey a pre-trial order, or to appear at the pre-trial, scheduling or status conference, or is substantially unprepared to participate in the conference or fails to participate in good faith, the court, or commissioner, on its own motion or on the motion of a party, after hearing, may make

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such orders as are just, including orders provided in La. C.C.P. Art. 1471 (2), (3), and (4). In lieu of or in addition to any other sanction, the court may require the party or the attorney representing the party or both to pay the reasonable expenses incurred by noncompliance with this paragraph, including attorney fees.

H. The judge or commissioner, as to matters within his or her area of responsibility, shall render an order which recites the action taken at the conference. Such order controls the subsequent course of the action, unless modified at the trial to prevent manifest injustice.

28th Judicial District Court

RULE 27.0 REQUEST

Parish of LaSalle

A request for a pre trial status conference shall be made for all contested ordinary matters and any summary matters which is expected to take more than five (5) court hours. A request for pre trial status conference in other summary matters may be made orally at any time up to one half hour before the scheduled hearing. Early, before the day of hearing request, are encouraged.

Adopted effective
March 31, 2001.

Family Court For the Parish of East Baton Rouge

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