

IRFLP 703 Subjects to be Discussed at Scheduling and Planning Conferences

Idaho Rules of Family Law Procedure Rule 703. Subjects to be Discussed at Scheduling and Planning Conferences.

A. Topics. The participants at any conference under this rule may consider and take action with respect to any of the following:

1. The formulation and simplification of the issues, including the elimination of frivolous claims or defenses.
2. The necessity or desirability of amendments to the pleadings.
3. The possibility of obtaining admissions of fact and of documents which will avoid unnecessary proof, stipulations regarding the authenticity of documents, and advance rulings from the court on the admissibility of evidence.
4. The avoidance of unnecessary proof and of cumulative evidence.
5. Identification of witnesses and documents, the need and schedule for filing and exchanging pre-trial briefs, and the date or dates for further conferences and for trial.
6. The advisability of referring matters to a master, appointment of an attorney for children, or the appointment of a parenting evaluator.
7. The possibility of settlement or the use of extrajudicial procedures including alternative dispute techniques to resolve the dispute.
8. The form and substance of the pre-trial order.
9. The disposition of pending motions.
10. The need for adopting special procedures for managing potentially difficult or protracted actions that may involve complex issues, multiple parties, difficult legal questions, or unusual proof problems.

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11. Such other matters as may aid in the disposition of the action.
12. Mediation.
13. Any parties and/or witnesses needing an interpreter as provided by [I.C.A.R. Rule 52](#) [1].
14. Reasonable estimates of the time required for trial.

B. Authority of attorneys. At least one of the attorneys for each party participating in any conference before trial shall have authority to enter into stipulations and to make admissions regarding all matters that the participants may reasonably anticipate may be discussed.

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