

RULE 136. PRETRIAL CONFERENCE

(a) Pretrial Conference. A pretrial conference shall be held on a date established by the court. At the pretrial conference, all parties must be prepared and authorized to discuss the following matters:

- (1) all matters contained in the joint final pretrial statement;
- (2) the formulation and simplification of the trial issues;
- (3) the elimination of unsupported claims or defenses;
- (4) the admission of facts and documents to avoid unnecessary proof;
- (5) stipulations to the authenticity of documents;
- (6) requests for advance rulings from the court on
 - (A) the admissibility of evidence; and
 - (B) the disposition of pending motions;
- (7) the establishment of time limits for presenting evidence and argument;
- (8) the estimated length of trial;
- (9) motions in limine;
- (10) settlement and the use of special procedures to assist in resolving the dispute; and
- (11) such other matters as may facilitate the just, speedy, and inexpensive disposition of the case.

(b) *Mandatory Attendance.* All unrepresented parties and all lead trial counsel and local counsel for each represented party must attend the pretrial conference in person unless the court authorizes attendance by other means.