

4.7 MANDATORY SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE

At the discretion of the Assigned Judge a mandatory settlement conference shall be held in all cases set for trial. These settlement conferences shall be at such times and places as designated by the pro tem panelist, as set forth in the Notice of Mandatory Settlement Conference and Trial.

No later than five (5) court days before the date set for the settlement conference, each party shall deliver their Settlement Conference Statement directly to the pro tem panelist(s) and serve a copy on opposing counsel. At the conclusion of the settlement conference, the pro tem panelist(s) shall make a report to the Court as to whether the case settled, and, if not, the last settlement offer(s) and demand(s), the likelihood of settlement, any identifiable obstacles to settlement, and other matters as requested by the Court.

The date, time, and location of the settlement conference must be typed on the first page of the statement. The parties shall notify the panelist(s) and appropriate settlement conference coordinator of a pre-conference settlement. Failure to comply will result in monetary sanctions being imposed.

(Eff. 1/1/1997; Rev. 7/1/2006, 1/1/2007, 7/1/2008, 1/1/2014, renumbered 1/1/2016; Rev. 7/1/2018, 1/1/2021, Rev and renumbered 1/1/2023)