

RULE 15. Case Management

(A) In accordance with Civil Rule 16, within ninety (90) days after a cause is filed, one hundred twenty (120) days as to foreclosure cases, the judge to whom such cause is assigned shall conduct a case management conference. In all civil matters except those listed in Civil Rules 1 (C), The Assignment Commissioner shall set an initial case management conference within sixty (60) days after any defendant is served with the Complaint.

Pretrial and settlement conferences may be scheduled at the discretion of the Court. Specific case management practices and orders for individual judges may be found at the Court's official website: www.hamiltoncountycourts.com

(B) In addition to the case management conference mentioned in Paragraph A hereof, there may be a pretrial conference before trial. The pretrial conference will be conducted by the judge to whom the cause is assigned. All matters set forth in subdivisions (1) to (10) of Civil Rule 16 will be discussed in depth at such pretrial conference.

(1) All trial attorneys appearing in the action are expected to be present at the pretrial conference, fully authorized to act and negotiate on behalf of the parties that they represent. Since the amicable disposition of the case by settlement will be seriously considered, the trial attorney should appear at the pretrial conference, having conducted settlement discussions, prepared to discuss the subject in depth. At the request of any trial attorney or upon its own motion, the court may order the parties or their respective sureties, indemnitor or insurers to be present at the pretrial conference. The pretrial conference will not be adjourned until a trial date is fixed by the Court and procedures for the trial itself discussed and resolved.

(2) All trial attorneys shall file with the judge to whom the cause is assigned and serve upon all other trial attorneys appearing in the action, not less than two days prior to date of the pretrial conference, a Pretrial Statement:

(a) Stating the nature of the addition and advising the Court in detail of the factual and legal issues which the case presents and any stipulation of fact;

(b) Listing all witnesses and a summary of their expected testimony;

(c) Setting forth the party's position on legal issues, including any significant evidentiary questions, with a citation of authorities in support thereof;

(d) As to a plaintiff or plaintiffs, attaching an itemized list of special damages and expenses, if applicable;

(e) Stating that the parties have exchanged, identified, marked and listed all exhibits to be used at trial. Exhibits not exchanged and marked may be excluded by the Court.

(f) Attaching copies of available opinions of all persons who may be called as expert witnesses, including physicians, which shall not constitute a waiver of privilege granted under Revised Code Section 2317.02, as set forth in Civil Rule 16;

(g) Advising the Court of the current status of settlement discussions;

(h) Advising the court of any pretrial motions, including motions in limine;

(i) Advising the court of any other items as specifically directed by the assigned judge.

(3) Upon the failure of any party to the action or that party's trial attorney either to serve and file with the judge the pretrial Statement required under subdivision (2) Paragraph B of this Rule or to attend the pretrial conference as required by subdivision (1) of Paragraph B of this Rule, after notice of such formal pretrial conference has been sent in accordance with Rule 10(C), the Court may impose sanctions as authorized by Civil Rule 37(B).

(C) Criminal cases shall be assigned to a judge, pursuant to Local Rule 7, immediately upon indictment. The Assignment Commissioner shall schedule the case for a Disposition Scheduling Conference within fifteen (15) days after arraignment unless otherwise directed by the Assigned Judge. Notice of the Disposition Scheduling Conference shall be prepared by the Assignment Commissioner and distributed to the defendant or the defense attorney at arraignment.

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