

Rule 7.1B Pretrial Conference

In any proceeding, the court, of its own motion or on motion of any party, may direct attorneys for the parties to appear for a conference to consider:

1. the simplification of the issues;
2. the necessity or desirability of amendments to the pleadings;
3. the possibility of obtaining admissions of fact and of documents which avoid unnecessary proof;
4. such other matters as may aid in the disposition of the action.

The court may enter an order reciting the action taken at the conference, the amendments allowed to the pleadings, and the agreements made by the parties as to any of the matters considered, and limiting the issues for trial to those not disposed of by admissions or agreements of the attorneys. Such order when entered shall control the subsequent course of the action unless modified at the trial to prevent manifest injustice.