

RULE 132. CASE MANAGEMENT

(a) Case Management Conference.

(1) *Scheduling of Conference.* After the transfer of a case to the BCD, the court will issue an order scheduling a case management conference to define the future course of proceedings in the case. The order will, at a minimum, identify the issues to be addressed at the conference, the deadlines to be established at the conference, and the responsibilities of the parties in advance of the conference.

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

(b) BCD Scheduling Order. At the completion of the case management conference, the court shall enter a scheduling order setting deadlines for the joinder of additional parties, the exchange of expert witness designations and reports, the completion of discovery, participation in Alternative Dispute Resolution, and the filing of motions, including any dispositive motion. In the scheduling order, the court shall also schedule the matter for trial and address any other matters relevant to the future course of proceedings in the case, including, where appropriate, the scheduling of a summary judgment pre-filing conference pursuant to Rule 134(b) or an opportunity for a Judicially Assisted Settlement Conference. The scheduling order may thereafter be modified or revised, as the court in its discretion, deems necessary or appropriate, to meet the purpose and goals of the BCD. The parties shall not deviate from deadlines and requirements established in the scheduling order or any modifications unless authorized by the court. Failure to comply with the scheduling order may result in sanctions.

(c) Existing Scheduling Orders. When standard or modified scheduling orders have been entered in the originating court, regardless of whether the orders were entered pursuant to Rule 16 or 16A, those orders shall be superseded by any scheduling orders or modifications entered after the case is transferred to the BCD. Any existing scheduling order shall remain in effect unless or until superseded by a BCD scheduling order or stayed or modified upon motion.