

## CHAPTER 7

### CASE MANAGEMENT AND CALENDARING

#### 7. 015 TRIAL READINESS CIVIL CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

- (1) This rule applies only to civil actions subject to SLR 7.011.
- (2) The parties in all civil cases must participate in a trial readiness case management conference unless the case has been dismissed, transferred to arbitration, transferred to the Expedited Civil Jury Trial Program or transferred to a special assignment, unless the Presiding Judge or his/her designee otherwise directs. The court will not generate a trial date in these cases without conferring with the parties and there will be no “regular course” trial date postponements. The purpose of this conference is to facilitate the selection of a firm trial date and to assess readiness for trial.
- (3) Thirty five days prior to the conference the Court will send notice to all counsel or self-represented litigants who have appeared in the case. The notice will announce the date for the conference and instruct the parties to come prepared with three agreed upon trial dates within the “time to trial” guidelines as set by the court. The court will then set the trial date. Any request for a postponement of the trial date selected at the trial readiness conference must be presented as provided in SLR 7.035 (2) (f) and will not be granted without a showing of good cause.
- (4) The parties will appear by phone unless the court otherwise indicates.