

**Rule 100A. Case Management of Domestic Relations Actions.**

1 (a) **Case management tracks.** All domestic relations actions, as defined in Rule 26.1, will  
2 be set for a case management conference before the court, or a case manager assigned  
3 by the court, after an answer to the action is filed. At the case management conference,  
4 the court or a case manager assigned by the court shall determine into which of the  
5 following tracks the case will be placed:

6 (1) Track 1: Standard Track. This category includes all cases that do not require  
7 expert witnesses or complex discovery. The court will certify a Track 1 case directly  
8 for trial. If the parties have not yet mediated, the court will order the parties to  
9 participate in good faith mediation before the trial takes place. However, failure to  
10 mediate shall not be a basis to delay trial without good cause.

11 (2) Track 2: Complex Discovery Track. This category includes cases with complex  
12 issues that require extraordinary discovery, such as valuation of a business. For a  
13 Track 2 case, at the case management conference the court will set a discovery  
14 schedule with input from the parties and schedule the case for a pretrial hearing.

15 (3) Track 3: Significant Custody Dispute Track. This category includes cases with  
16 significant custody disputes, including custody disputes involving allegations of  
17 child abuse or domestic violence. For a Track 3 case, at the case management  
18 conference the court and parties will address: 1) whether a custody evaluation is  
19 necessary, and, if so, the form of the evaluation and appointment considerations;  
20 and 2) whether appointment of a private guardian ad litem is necessary, and if so,  
21 the scope of the appointment and apportionment of costs. The court will prepare  
22 and issue any resulting orders appointing a custody evaluator or guardian ad litem  
23 and schedule the case for either a pretrial hearing or a custody evaluation settlement  
24 conference.

25 (b) **Scheduling of Motions for Temporary Orders.** At the case management conference,  
26 the parties must indicate whether a hearing is necessary for any motions for temporary

27 orders during the pendency of the case. The court will schedule a motion hearing date  
28 as necessary. A court may preclude setting a hearing on a motion for temporary orders,  
29 upon a finding of good cause, if a party does not request such a hearing at the case  
30 management conference

31 (c) The court may set additional hearings as necessary under Rule 16. Nothing in this  
32 rule prohibits a court from assigning a case to more than one track, at the court's  
33 discretion, or otherwise managing a case differently from the above guidelines for good  
34 cause.

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