

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

2 (a) **Case management tracks.** Except for those actions initiated by the Office of
3 Recovery Services, All-all domestic relations actions, as defined in Rule 26.1, will be set
4 for a case management conference before the court, or a case manager assigned by the
5 court, after an answer to the action is filed. At the case management conference, the
6 court or a case manager assigned by the court must determine into which of the
7 following tracks the case will be placed:

8 (1) Track 1: Standard Track. This category includes all cases that do not require
9 expert witnesses or complex discovery. The court will certify a Track 1 case directly
10 for trial. If the parties have not yet mediated, the court will order the parties to
11 participate in good faith mediation before the trial takes place.

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

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

26 (b) The court may set additional hearings as necessary under Rules 16 or 101. Nothing
27 in this rule prohibits a court from assigning a case to more than one track, at the court's
28 discretion, or otherwise managing a case differently from the above guidelines for good
29 cause.

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