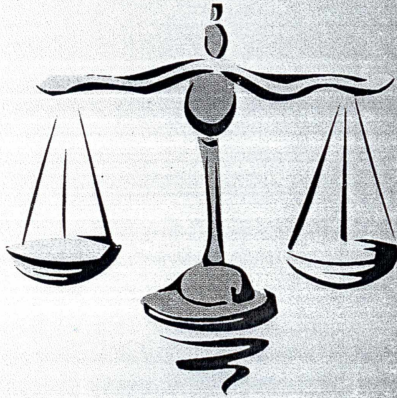




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RULES OF PROCEDURE

SECTION XII: ORAL PROCEEDINGS

XII (a) PRE-TRIAL PROCEEDINGS IN THE FIRST INSTANCE DIVISION

Rule 53: Scheduling conference

- (1) The First Instance Division shall, within fourteen (14) days after the close of pleadings or such other period as the Principal Judge may direct, hold a scheduling conference to ascertain:
 - (a) points of agreement and disagreement,
 - (b) the possibility of mediation, conciliation or any other form of settlement,
 - (c) whether evidence is to be oral or by affidavit,
 - (d) whether legal argument shall be written or oral, or both,
 - (e) the estimated length of the hearing,
 - (f) any other matters as the Division may deem necessary,
- (2) If the case has good potential for settlement, the Division shall direct that the case proceeds to mediation or other form of settlement.
- (3) If the matter is to proceed to hearing the Division shall fix the date for commencement of hearing.
- (4) In any case where there is no need for evidence and all parties opt to present legal arguments in writing, the Division shall prescribe the time within which the parties shall file their respective written legal arguments and may fix the date on which the parties shall appear before a bench of three judges to deal with any other matter the Division thinks necessary.