

RULE L212.3 PRE-TRIAL PROCEDURES.

(a) Pre-Trial Settlement Conferences. In addition to matters set forth in Pa.R.C.P. 212.3 for consideration at a pre-trial conference, the Court will consider, and attempt to resolve all motions in limine filed up to that time. It is encouraged that all known or anticipated pre-trial motions in limine be presented prior to or at the pre-trial conference.

(1) Each party, corporation and insurance carrier of a party who has an actual interest in the case, or can have an effect on the settlement of the case, shall be personally present at the pre-trial settlement conference. Said party or representative must be authorized to speak for such party, corporation or insurance carrier with respect to the trial and settlement of the case. The Court may, upon appropriate requests of counsel, for good cause, permit a party or representative to appear by telephone rather than in person.

(2) Attorneys present at the pre-trial conference must have complete authority to enter into stipulations concerning liability and other trial related and evidentiary issues.

(3) Settlement negotiations may be considered at the pre-trial conference.

(4) At least five (5) days prior to the pre-trial settlement conference all plaintiffs shall have made a bonafied written demand and proposal for settlement to all opposing counsel and non-represented parties. By the time of the pre-trial settlement conference, each defendant or additional defendant shall respond in writing to such written demand.

(b) Civil Trial Status Reports. Counsel for the parties shall file a civil trial status report in the form set forth herein. Said status report shall be filed no later than noon on the Wednesday preceding jury selection. The civil trial status form may be filed in person, or by facsimile transmission to the Office of Court Administration at 724-284-5185.

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF BUTLER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

_____	:	_____
_____	:	(case number)
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Plaintiff(s)	:	
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vs.	:	
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_____	:	
_____	:	
_____	:	
Defendant(s)	:	

CIVIL CASE STATUS REPORT

Plaintiff's Counsel Name: _____ Phone No. _____
Fax No. _____

Defendant's Counsel Name: _____ Phone No. _____
Fax No. _____

Number on Trial List: _____

Status of settlement negotiations: _____

Anticipated length of trial: _____

Motions, evidentiary rulings necessary prior to trial or scheduling issues-(identify issues generally): _____

Date: _____

(1) Following the filing of civil trial status report forms by counsel or unrepresented parties, the Court will publish the schedule for jury selection by posting the list on the Butler County website, www.co.butler.pa.us, and by fax transmission to counsel and any unrepresented parties. The jury selection list shall also be available in the Office of Court Administration and the Office of the Prothonotary. Jury selection dates are established pursuant to the court's calendar which is published on the Butler county website.

(Adopted 2009)