

### **L1915.3-1 Continuances of Conciliation Conferences or Custody Hearings, Refunds**

(a) Custody matters scheduled before the court, or in the custody conciliators office shall be continued only by leave of court, with good cause shown. General continuances will not be granted. A date certain for the rescheduled conference will be included in every order continuing a conciliation conference. For a request for a continuance to be considered, the motion shall be filed with the court in accordance with local Family Court motions practice/procedure.

(b) Except in the case of a documented medical emergency, or upon consent of both parties, motions to continue, cancel or withdraw a custody conciliation conference must be presented at least 10 days prior to the scheduled conciliation.

(c) If the case is withdrawn from the conciliator's consideration prior to any conciliation conference occurring, and the party paying the initial conciliators fee seeks a refund thereof, he/she shall present a motion requesting a refund not later than 10 days after the last scheduled conciliation conference.\*

(d) If the party seeking the imposition of an initial custody order, or the modification of a custody order already in existence, i.e. the moving party, fails to appear at a scheduled custody conference, the court will dismiss the case, and the conciliator's fee will not be refunded.

**\*Comment:** Requests for refund presented more than 10 days after the conciliation conference will not be granted. The intent of this rule is to process refunds in a timely manner consistent with budgeting and accounting needs of the judicial system and the county.