

CRITERIA FOR NON-ATTENDANCE

There is an initiative now in place in order to assist counsel and the parties in setting trial dates. The procedure is as follows:

1. Attached you will find a "Consent in a Family Action". You may obtain an electronic copy from the Trial Coordinator for future matters.
2. This consent must be reviewed with opposing counsel/ parties / agencies.
3. A Trial Management Conference (TMC) must have been held or date fixed to be held. If not held the TMC cannot be adjourned to a date after the last Trial Scheduling Court prior to the agreed upon date for trial.
4. Proposed available dates for trial and exit pre-trial may be obtained from the Trial Coordinators' Office by telephone at (905) 853-4823.
5. Please complete the form in its entirety and return one consent copy only to the Trial Coordinator, by fax at (905) 853-4880, no later than 15 calendar days prior to the assigned Trial Scheduling Court date.
6. The consent will be reviewed by a presiding justice.
7. If the presiding justice approves the consent, the Trial Coordinator will fax the approved consent to all parties. (Please ensure that you include all fax numbers.)
8. If counsel or the parties cannot consent to a trial date, the matter will proceed to the assigned Trial Scheduling Court date. At that time the exit pre-trial and/or trial dates will be fixed by the Regional Senior Justice or his designate.

Yours truly,

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