



BALTIMORE COUNTY DISTRICT COURT CIVIL PRETRIAL CONFERENCE PROCEDURES

For civil tort cases in which a party has filed a trial time estimate of 2 hours or more or has requested that the case be specially set for trial, the case will automatically be scheduled for a pretrial conference. All parties will receive information from the Court setting the date, time, and procedure for the pretrial conference.

For civil tort cases in which the estimated time for trial is less than 2 hours, any party may file a motion requesting a pretrial conference. The Court will decide the motion and notify all parties of the outcome. If a pretrial conference is ordered, all parties will receive information from the Court setting the date, time, and procedure for the pretrial conference.

For other civil case types such as consumer debt cases, contract actions, replevin & detinue matters and small claims cases, the District Court ADR Office will review those case types, in accordance with criteria established by the Court, for participation in the District Court Pretrial Remote ADR Pilot Program. Additionally, any party who wishes to participate in the District Court Pretrial Remote ADR Pilot Program may file a motion requesting to be included. The Court will decide the motion and notify all parties of the outcome. If the case will be included in the District Court Pretrial Remote ADR Pilot Program, all parties will receive information regarding the procedure for participation in the Program.

All pretrial conferences will be conducted remotely, unless a request to appear in person is filed with and granted by the Court. All parties will receive information for remote participation.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Clerk's Office at (410) 512-2000.