

Day #12: The Eleven Step Divorce Litigation Process, #4: Case Management Conferences

Hi,

Thanks again for Subscribing. Today we continue through the “eleven steps” for a contested New Jersey Divorce. Today is a short one to give you a break before we head into the broader point of divorce negotiations.

Case Management Conferences

Shortly after the pleadings have been finalized, the case will likely be assigned its first Case Management Conference.

The major purpose of the Case Management Conference is to create deadlines for discovery and other court processes. In most counties, if the parties can agree upon a Case Management Order, they will not be required to attend the first Case Management Conference.

Here the parties will begin the process of creating a divorce timeline. They will agree upon whether or not experts are necessary, or depositions, and will provide dates to complete such actions. The Court must approve these dates. In sum, the Case Management Conference (whether made in court or “on the papers”) provides the timeline and framework for the discovery process of a divorce.

Next let’s move on to Step 5: Starting the Negotiation Process.

All the best,

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