

Rule 904. Case Management Conferences

In child custody proceedings other than cases under articles II, III and IV of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987, and cases under the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act and the Illinois Parentage Act of 1984 provided for under Part B of this article (see Rule 923), an initial case management conference pursuant to Rule 218 shall be held not later than 90 days after the petition or complaint has been served upon the respondent. If not previously resolved, the court shall address the appointment of a guardian *ad litem* or counsel for the child and counsel for any indigent party entitled to the assistance of appointed counsel at the initial case management conference.

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Committee Comments

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Case management conferences provide an effective way for the trial court to simplify issues and expedite cases. Rule 904 provides that an initial case management conference will be held within 90 days after the petition or complaint has been served upon the respondent in child custody proceedings not covered by other rules.

Special rules regarding conferences are included in Parts B and C of the Rule 900 series: Rule 923 addresses case management conferences in dissolution of marriage and paternity cases. Rule 942 authorizes the use of Court Family Conferences in abuse and neglect cases.