

Federal Rules of Civil Procedure

Rule 16. Pretrial Conferences; Scheduling; Management

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(b) Scheduling.

(1) *Scheduling Order.* Except in categories of actions exempted by local rule, the district judge-- or a magistrate judge when authorized by local rule--must issue a scheduling order:

(A) after receiving the parties' report under [Rule 26\(f\)](#); or

(B) after consulting with the parties' attorneys and any unrepresented parties at a scheduling conference or by telephone, mail, or other means.

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