

Fourth Judicial District, State of Colorado El Paso County Combined Court Court Address: 270 South Tejon Street Colorado Springs, CO 80903	FILED COUNTY COURTS EL PASO CO., COLORADO
<hr/> Plaintiff	
vs.	Div:      Room:
<hr/> Respondent	<hr/> COURT USE ONLY <div style="text-align: center;"> <span style="display: inline-block; width: 100px; border-bottom: 1px solid black;"></span> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <span style="display: inline-block; width: 100px; border-bottom: 1px solid black;"></span> </div>
<b>Order Regarding Avoidance of Appearance for County Court Pre-Trial Conferences</b>	

This Order applies to County Court Pre-Trial Conferences. Due to the Covid-19 virus, the courthouse is trying to limit the need for in-person appearances as well as the number of people in courtrooms. To that end, represented parties are requested to confer and conduct Pre-Trial Conferences on their own prior to the scheduled time and date of the Pre-Trial Conference AND file with the court electronically a "Case Management Order Request", which request will ask the Court to issue an Order as follows:

- 1) If no settlement was reached and the matter in dispute is \$1,500.00 or above, issue a Mediation Order per the County Court bench mandatory mediation policy;
- 2) If no settlement was reached and the matter in dispute is under \$1,500.00, issue a Pre-Trial Conference Order for Trials (which instructs the parties how to set the matter for trial);
- 3) A Case Management Order for Limited Discovery; and/or
- 4) Any other request necessary to ready the matter for trial.

By notifying the Court in advance of the scheduled Pre-Trial what the parties will need, there will be no need to appear. For cases where only one party is represented, the Court requests that represented Plaintiffs make reasonable efforts to confer with unrepresented Defendants to achieve the goal, if possible, of avoiding a personal appearance.

Pre-Trial Conferences cannot presently be conducted virtually since the Court schedules multiple proceedings at one time and WebEx, which is the technology utilized by the Court for virtual appearances, does not permit the parties to confer separately outside of the hearing of the judicial officer.

So Ordered.  
 Magistrate Paprzycki