

**Rule 310. Prehearing Conference in the Appellate Court**

In an appeal pending in the Appellate Court, the court or a judge thereof, on its own motion or on the request of a party, may order a prehearing conference to consider the simplification of the issues and any other matters that may aid in the disposition of the appeal. Unless otherwise agreed by the parties, a judge who will not participate in the decision of the case shall preside at the conference. The judge may enter an order which recites the action taken at the conference and the agreements made by the parties as to any of the matters considered and which limits the issues to those not disposed of by admissions or agreements of counsel. The order controls the subsequent course of the proceeding, unless modified to prevent manifest injustice.

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Committee Comments  
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This rule is based upon Rule 33 of the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure. The provision that a judge who will not participate in the decision of the case shall preside at the conference does not appear in the Federal rule.