

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER OF THE
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE OF THE COURTS


Pursuant to the authority vested in me, and with the advice and consent of the Administrative Board of the Courts, I hereby amend Rule 30 of section 202.70(g) of the Uniform Rules for the Supreme and County Courts (Rules of Practice for the Commercial Division), effective immediately, to read as follows (additions underlined, deletions in strikethrough):

Rule 30. Settlement and Pretrial Conferences.

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(b) Mandatory Settlement Conference. Unless exempted as set forth herein, the parties in every case pending in the Commercial Division must participate in a court-ordered mandatory settlement conference (MSC) following the filing of a Note of Issue.

(1) Referral to MSC. Following the filing of a Note of Issue, the parties must confer and file a request to proceed to a MSC pursuant to one of the following four tracks. If all parties have agreed upon the settlement conference track that they prefer, they may file a joint request with a statement of preferred procedure for MSC. If the parties do not agree, they must file separate requests with statements as to their preference for a MSC track. ~~The parties' preferences would ordinarily be given presumptive weight.~~ The court will select the settlement conference track after considering the parties' preferences, the available judicial and other resources, and any other factors the court deems appropriate. The four possible settlement conference tracks are as follows: . . .



Acting Chief Administrative Judge of the Courts

Date: April 20, 2023

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