

Rule 1. General

(a) **Authority.** These special rules of practice are made in accordance with the appellate court's authority under Minn. R. Civ. App. P. 133.01 to direct the parties, or their attorneys, to appear before a judge or person delegated by the appellate courts, for a prehearing conference to consider settlement.

(b) **Scope.** These special rules apply to appeals arising from marital dissolution actions, parentage actions, post decree modification and enforcement proceedings, including civil contempt actions, child support actions, including IV-D cases, and third-party custody and visitation actions.

(c) **Suspension of Processing Deadlines.** In the interests of judicial economy and to facilitate the mediation process, there is good cause under Minn. R. Civ. App. P. 102 to suspend the requirements of certain appellate processing rules, as specified in these special rules.

(d) **Applicability of the Rules of Civil Appellate Procedure.** The Minnesota Rules of Civil Appellate Procedure apply unless these special rules direct otherwise.

(e) **Time Periods to File a Direct Appeal or Notice of Related Appeal.** These special rules do not extend or otherwise affect the time periods to file a direct appeal or notice of related appeal under Minn. R. Civ. App. P. 104.01.

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