

**Sec. 19-570-33. Pre-hearing conferences**

The presiding officer may direct the parties to appear at specified times and places for conferences to consider (a) simplification and clarification of issues for hearings; (b) consolidation or joinder of parties; (c) stipulations and admissions of act and of document; (d) limitation of expert witness, exchange of lists of witnesses and summaries of testimony, and other steps to expedite the presentation of evidence; and (e) such other matters as may aid in the orderly disposition of the hearing. The presiding officer shall notify the parties of the date, time and place of the conference. Following any conference, the presiding officer may enter an order which (a) recites the action taken at the conference, and any agreements made by the parties as to any of the matters considered; (b) states the issues for the hearing; (c) consolidates parties at hearing; or (d) otherwise aids in the orderly disposition of the hearing. Any such order shall control the subsequent course of the action unless modified by the presiding officer for good cause.

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