



Understanding Fulton County Status Conferences

If your case is in the Family Division of Fulton County Superior Court, the court will schedule status conferences. These short court dates keep your case moving toward resolution. They are not trials.

What to expect

- 1 Scheduling.** Status conferences are generally set around 30, 60, and 120 days into the case.
- 2 Who Leads Them.** Conferences may be handled by a judicial officer appointed by the judge rather than your assigned judge. Your lawyer will do most of the talking, there is not much for you to prepare or worry about!
- 3 The 30-Day Conference.** The court usually wants to know whether the defendant has been served and whether mandatory discovery has been exchanged.
- 4 The 60-Day Conference.** The court often checks whether mandatory discovery is complete and whether mediation has been held or scheduled. If not, it will usually set a deadline.
- 5 The 120-Day Conference.** The court confirms all of the above is complete and, if no agreement has been reached, schedules the case for trial.

Attending

Attendance. Parties are generally required to attend along with their attorneys.

Format. Conferences may be in person or by video, but usually via video teleconference. Follow the notice for your date.

Dress and Conduct. Dress as you would for a business meeting and stay calm and respectful.

What to keep in mind

A status conference is a normal step. It does not mean anything is wrong.

Orders entered at a conference are binding, so only agree to what you can follow.

Missing a conference can cause delays or orders entered without you.

Practices can change and vary by judge. We will tell you what to expect.

This guide provides general information about Fulton County status conferences in Georgia family law matters and is not legal advice about your specific case. Your attorney will explain how status conferences apply to your situation.

YOUR ROLE

Put every court date on your calendar, send requested documents early, and review your financial information with us before each conference.

QUESTIONS?

As always, all questions and requests should be directed to the team via email to team@pepitone.law.