



Understanding Status Conferences and Compliance Hearings

Sometimes a judge schedules a short court date to check on a case. A status conference reviews progress. A compliance hearing checks whether an order is being followed. Neither one is a trial.

Why they are scheduled

- 1 Checking Progress.** The judge reviews where the case stands, what is left to do, and whether it is ready for mediation or trial.
- 2 Setting Deadlines.** The court may set dates for discovery, mediation, evaluations, or a final hearing.
- 3 Checking Compliance.** The judge confirms required steps are done, such as a parenting class, mediation, or an evaluation.
- 4 Payments.** The court may review whether support or other court-ordered payments are current.
- 5 Next Steps.** If something is incomplete, the judge may set a new deadline or take further action.

How to prepare

Finish Early. Complete required tasks well before the date and send us proof, such as a certificate or receipt.

Attend. Appear on time, in person or by video, as the notice states.

Expect Brevity. These hearings are usually short and focused on specific items.

What to keep in mind

These dates are routine. They are a normal way courts manage cases.

Not following an order can lead to penalties, including contempt.

Practices generally vary by county and judge.

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

YOUR ROLE

Complete each required task early, email us proof as soon as you have it, and tell us right away if anything may keep you from finishing on time.

QUESTIONS?

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