

29 C.F.R. § 18.44

Prehearing conference.

(a) *In general.* The judge, with or without a motion, may order one or more prehearing conferences for such purposes as:

- (1) Expediting disposition of the proceeding;
- (2) Establishing early and continuing control so that the case will not be protracted because of lack of management;
- (3) Discouraging wasteful prehearing activities;
- (4) Improving the quality of the hearing through more thorough preparation; and
- (5) Facilitating settlement.

(b) *Scheduling.* Prehearing conferences may be conducted in person, by telephone, or other means after reasonable notice of time, place and manner of conference has been given.

(c) *Participation.* All parties must participate in prehearing conferences as directed by the judge. A represented party must authorize at least one of its attorneys or representatives to make stipulations and admissions about all matters that can reasonably be anticipated for discussion at the prehearing conference, including possible settlement.

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