



IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

ORDER AMENDING LOCAL RULES OF PRACTICE
FOR THE SUPERIOR COURT IN SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

Pursuant to Rule 8 of the Arizona Rules of Civil Procedure a majority of the Superior Court Judges in Santa Cruz County having approved the proposed amendments to the Local Rules of Practice for the Superior Court, in Santa Cruz County;

IT IS ORDERED that the Local Rules of Practice for the Superior Court of Arizona in Santa Cruz County be amended by adding 18.4 to said rules and 18.5 in accordance with the attachment hereto*, effective June 1, 2004.

Dated this 5th, May 2004.

James A. Soto, Presiding Judge
Santa Cruz County Superior Court

Approved this 25th day of May, 2004

Charles E. Jones, Chief Justice
Arizona Supreme Court

* Changes or additions in text are indicated by underlining and deletions from text are indicated by ~~strikeouts~~.

**AMENDMENT TO LOCAL RULES OF PRACTICE FOR THE
SUPERIOR COURT IN SANTA CRUZ COUNTY
(ADDING NEW RULES 18.4 AND 18.5)**

RULE 18.4 MANDATORY SETTLEMENT CONFERENCES

In all domestic relations cases set for trial (other than default hearings), the parties and their attorneys shall participate in a mandatory settlement conference. Such conference shall be scheduled and conducted prior to the time of the setting of the trial. If the case is not settled at the mandatory settlement conference, then upon receipt of the settlement report to be filed by the settlement judge, the Clerk of the Superior Court shall proceed to set the case for trial.

At any time after disclosure statements are exchanged, a party may request a settlement conference in addition to the mandatory settlement conference described above to facilitate early resolution of the case.

RULE 18.5 DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS

Disclosure statements required by Rule 26.1 of the Arizona Rules of Civil Procedure shall include an Inventory of Property and Financial Affidavit completed and executed by the party on forms approved by the court.