

## **CrR 17.1 PRETRIAL AND STATUS CONFERENCES**

**(a) Policy and Procedure.** Either party may request that the court schedule a pretrial or status conference with the trial judge prior to trial. The purpose of such conference or conferences shall be to address outstanding motions, the status of discovery, scheduling, and such other matters as may be appropriate. The parties are encouraged to utilize status and pretrial conferences in complex criminal cases.

**(b) Recordation.** All pretrial and status conferences in felony cases shall be recorded unless otherwise ordered by the court.

**(c) Presence of Defendant.** A defendant's presence at a pretrial or status conference shall be required unless:

- (1) Presence is not required under Rule 43, Fed.R.Crim.P.; or
- (2) Defendant waives presence in writing with approval of the court.

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