

1 **Rule 13. Pretrial conference.**

2 (a) The trial court, in its discretion, may hold a pretrial conference, with trial counsel present,
3 to consider such matters as will promote a fair and expeditious trial. The accused shall be present
4 unless he waives his right to appear. The accused's waiver is subject to court approval.

5 (b) At the conclusion of the conference, a pretrial order shall set out the matters ruled upon.
6 Any stipulations made shall be signed by counsel, approved by the court and filed, and shall be
7 binding upon the parties at trial, on appeal, and in postconviction proceedings unless set aside or
8 modified by the court.

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