

RULE 33. APPEAL CONFERENCES

The court may direct the attorneys—and, when appropriate, the parties—to participate in one or more conferences ~~[for the parties to appear before the court or a justice or judge thereof for a conference]~~ to address any matter that may aid in disposing of the proceedings, including simplifying the issues. The court, justice, or judge may, as a result of the conference, enter an order controlling the course of the proceedings.

REVIEWING NOTE

The amendment substantively changes the rule by allowing the court to also direct the parties, not just the attorneys, to participate in an appeal conference. This change mirrors the language in FRAP 33.