



CABINET DU JUGE-PRÉSIDENT

Municipal Court of Ville de Montréal

PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCE

Since 2010, the pre-trial conference has become an integral part of Montreal municipal court affairs.

To take advantage of this procedure, used for trials of one day or longer, the form titled *Joint request for a pre-trial conference*, available at counter 6, located on the main floor of the Municipal Court must be completed. An original of the form must be filed in the judges' chamber.

Thanks to the implementation of pre-trial conferences, court delays have been steadily decreasing.

It is important, however, to reiterate certain rules in order to ensure the efficiency of the procedure:

- The request for a pre-trial conference must be presented at the time of the *pro forma* trial date. Therefore, it is not possible to request a pre-trial conference once a trial date is set.
- The pre-trial conference must take place with the presence of the attorneys who will be acting either for the prosecution or the defence at the time of the hearing. Thus, it is not permitted to have the trial attorney, for the defence or prosecution, replaced by an articling student or an office associate who would not be in a position to make decisions as to how the trial will proceed.
- [The form is available in French or English version on the website of The Bar of Montreal.](#)

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