

**PILOT STANDING ORDER FOR JUVENILE APPELLATE
SETTLEMENT CONFERENCES**
Superior Court for Juvenile Matters, Hon. Carol A. Wolven, Chief Administrative Judge
All Sessions—Effective September 15, 2012

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1. When an appeal is filed from the decision of the court upon the completion of (a) a contested temporary custody hearing, or (b) a trial of a neglect, uncared for or abused petition that includes adjudicatory findings and a dispositional order, a settlement conference shall be held within ten (10) days of the filing of the appeal unless the presiding judge in the district court where the appeal is filed determines there would be no benefit to scheduling a settlement conference.
2. The deputy chief clerk of the Superior Court for Juvenile Matters in the district where the appeal is filed shall schedule the settlement conference with a judge, senior judge or judge trial referee designated to conduct such conferences. No judge, senior judge or judge trial referee will conduct a settlement conference in any case in which his or her own decision is the subject of the appeal. Written notice of the date and time of the conference shall be provided to all counsel, any appointed guardian ad litem, all respondents and the petitioner.
3. The scheduling of any settlement conference shall not result in any automatic stay of the appeal or the automatic extension of any appellate filing or processing requirements.
4. The conference will be held in the juvenile district court where the appeal is filed. Trial counsel for any respondent whose rights may be affected by the appeal, trial counsel for the petitioner, trial counsel for the child(ren) and any self-represented person shall be required to attend the settlement conference. Any attorney appointed for purpose of the appeal also shall attend. Clients must be available in person or by telephone during such conferences. Counsel and parties whose rights are not affected by the appeal may be excused from attending the settlement conference by the judge, senior judge or judge trial referee conducting it.
5. Any agreement reached at such conference shall be in writing and signed by all counsel of record and self-represented parties and presented to a judge in the juvenile district court where the appeal was filed for review, approval and the entry of appropriate orders as soon as practicable. The appealing party shall file a withdrawal of the appeal per Practice Book §63-9 that indicates that the withdrawal is the result of a settlement conference.