

RULE 340(A) PRE-ADJUDICATORY DISCOVERY AND INSPECTION

The District Attorney shall conduct a pre-adjudicatory status conference with Defense Counsel and the minor and his/her parents or guardian on all cases that have not resulted in consent decrees or informal adjustments and in which the child is not in detention or emergency shelter care.

At the pre-adjudicatory status conference, the Commonwealth and Defense Counsel shall discuss:

1. the terms and procedures for pre-trial discovery and inspection;
2. the simplification or stipulation of factual issues including the admissibility of evidence;
3. the qualifications of exhibits as evidence to avoid unnecessary delay;
4. the number of witnesses who are to give testimony of a cumulative nature; and
5. the defenses of alibi and insanity, and other matters that may aid in the disposition of the proceedings.

At the end of the status conference, a written stipulation for an admission or hearing or other disposition shall be completed and signed by the District Attorney/Assistant District Attorney, Defense Counsel and the Minor. The original stipulation shall be filed with the Juvenile Court Office.