

## Rule 27.1 Scheduling; Hearing Officer Conferences

B. All parties shall be required to submit to the Hearing Officer, and other party/parties a completed *Hearing Officer Conference Affidavit*, substantially in compliance with **4<sup>th</sup> JDC Family Docket Form 2.0** of this rule, together with all documentation ordered by the *Hearing Officer Conference Order* and the *Hearing Officer Conference Affidavit*, not less than five (5) days, exclusive of weekends and legal holidays prior to the Hearing Officer Conference. The Hearing Officer may permit a party to submit the *Hearing Officer Conference Affidavit* and its attachments later than five (5) days prior to the Hearing Officer Conference upon a showing of unusual and exceptional circumstances. If the Hearing Officer does not find that unusual and exceptional circumstances exist to excuse a late or substantatively deficient filing, the Hearing Officer shall have discretion to (1) render a Hearing Officer Conference Report based on the information provided by the other party, or (2) issue such other relief as is appropriate under the circumstances, including issuing interim orders and/or refixing the the Conference and scheduled court date, and contemporaneously taxing the deficient-filing party with court costs and attorney fees.