

## **RULE 1930. MANDATORY FOUR HOUR EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR**

- (a) In all Custody actions, the parties shall complete a four hour educational seminar (Seminar for Families in Change and Conflict) if a party has not attended the Seminar in the prior twelve (12) months and in such other cases as the Court may order.
- (b) In custody actions, other than Petitions for Special Relief (Emergency Custody Petitions), Petitions for Contempt, or when a stipulation is filed simultaneously with a Custody Complaint, all parties must attend the Seminar before the date of their Custody Conference.
- (c) In a Petition for Contempt or a Petition for Special Relief (Emergency Custody) or other similar Custody actions, the parties shall attend the Seminar as ordered by the Court.
- (d) The fee for the Seminar must be submitted to the Provider on the date of attendance in accordance with the instructions contained in the information sheet provided to all parties with their Seminar Attendance Order.
- (e) If the parties have not attended the Seminar prior to their Custody Conference, the Custody Conference Officer shall provide the party with another date or time to attend the Seminar and such Order will be filed with the Prothonotary's Office.
- (f) If the Custody Conference Officer recommends that it would be in the child(ren)'s best interests for an adult who resides in the household or has a strong role in the parenting of the child(ren) to attend the Seminar, the Court may enter an Order requiring their attendance at the Seminar.
- (g) Failure to attend the Seminar may be considered as Contempt of Court punishable by fine and other appropriate sanctions.