

Rule 1920.51*(f). *Dissolution of the Marital Status. Motion to Commence Equitable Distribution Scheduling*

- (1) *Motion to Commence Equitable Distribution Scheduling* - A Motion to Commence Equitable Distribution Scheduling may be filed in compliance with Pa.R.C.P. 1920.31 and 1920.33 and shall state specifically what claims are at issue, what claims have been settled by agreement and whether any such agreement is to be entered as a court order. The motion shall include a certification that the completed inventory has been filed and served on the other party. The motion and order shall be in the form prescribed by Pa.R.C.P. 1920.74(a) and (b).
 - (a) Certification of Service – The movant shall file, along with the motion for appointment of a Hearing Officer, a certification that opposing counsel or any unrepresented party has been served with a copy of the motion and all other documents required pursuant to subsection (1) hereof.
- (2) If all other documents required pursuant to subsection (1) hereof have been served, the Hearing Officer shall be appointed.
- (3) *Referral to Hearing Officer* - Upon filing of the motion to Commence Equitable Distribution Scheduling, in the form prescribed by Pa.R.C.P. 1920.74 and the posting of the required fee, the Office of the Prothonotary shall forward the motion to the Equitable Distribution Hearing Officer's Unit for the scheduling of an initial conference. When a party files a Motion to Commence Equitable Distribution Scheduling the moving party shall pay the Prothonotary the applicable fee pursuant to this Rule. No initial conference shall be scheduled without such payment. The fee shall be published at montgomerycountypa.gov.

Comment: An initial conference may be scheduled whether or not a Grounds Order has been issued pursuant to Pa. R.C.P. 1920.73(c).