**TIMETABLE FOR EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION CLAIMS**

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| **TIME** | **EVENT** | **RESPONSIBLE PARTY** |
| Upon filing of first equitable distribution claim | * Obtain date of Initial Pretrial Scheduling and Discovery conference from clerk (120 days after claim is filed)
 | Initiating party |
| 5 days after filing of first equitable distribution claim | * Complete and file a Notice of Equitable Distribution Hearings (*ED Form A)* with the clerk
* Serve a filed copy of Notice of Equitable Distribution Hearings on responding party and Trial Court Administrator
 | Initiating party |
| 90 days after filing of first equitable distribution claim | * Complete and file an Equitable Distribution Inventory Affidavit (*ED Form B.1)* with the clerk
* Serve a copy of completed Equitable Distribution Inventory Affidavit (*ED Form B.1),* Instructions *(ED Form B.2),* and Timetable (*ED Form B.3)* on opposing party
* Serve a copy of all documents described in ED Rule 7.6 on responding party and file Certification of Initial Disclosures *(ED Form H)* with the clerk
 | Initiating party |
| 30 days after receipt of initiating party’s equitable distribution inventory affidavit  | * Complete and file an Equitable Distribution Inventory Affidavit (*ED Form B.1)* with the clerk
* Serve a copy of completed Equitable Distribution Inventory Affidavit (*ED Form B.1)* on opposing party
* Serve a copy of all documents described in ED

Rule 7.6 on responding party and file Certification of Initial Disclosures *(ED Form H)* with the clerk | Responding party |
| 120 days after filing of first equitable distribution claim | **Initial Pretrial Scheduling and Discovery Conference:** * Set discovery schedule
* Appoint experts, if appropriate
* Determine date of separation, if necessary
* Set date for disclosure of experts, if appropriate
* Appoint mediator or neutral, if necessary
* Set date for Final Pretrial Conference
* Enter Initial Pretrial Scheduling and Discovery Order
 | Assigned Judge |
| 180 days after filing of first equitable distribution claim (or within two weeks after discovery deadline, whichever is last) | * Deadline for amending Equitable Distribution Inventory Affidavit
 | Initiating and responding party |
| No later than 210 days after filing of first equitable distribution claim and **MUST be filed prior to start of mediated settlement conference.** | * File Initial Pretrial Order (*ED Form D)* with the Clerk
 | Initiating and responding party |
| No later than 210 days after filing of first equitable distribution claim | * Court ordered mediated settlement conference held
 | Initiating party, responding party and mediator |
| 14 days prior to Final Pretrial Conference | * Moving party serves proposed Final Pretrial Order on opposing party
 | Initiating party |
| No later than 240 days after the first equitable distribution claim is filed | **Final Pretrial Conference*** Conference is conducted pursuant to the General Rules of Practice for Superior and District Court
* Enter Final Pretrial Order
 | Assigned Judge |
| No later than 270 days after the first equitable distribution claim is filed | **TRIAL** | Assigned Judge |