

Republic of the Philippines  
**SUPREME COURT**  
Manila

**EN BANC**

**A.M. No. 10-4-29-SC**

**THE 2010 RULES OF THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORAL TRIBUNAL**

**TITLE AND CONSTRUCTION**

**Rule 1. Title.** - These Rules shall be known and cited as *The 2010 Rules of the Presidential Electoral Tribunal.* (R1a)

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**Rule 29. Preliminary Conference.** -

(a) *Purpose.* - After the filing of the last pleading, the Tribunal shall order a preliminary conference to consider:

- (1) the possibility of obtaining stipulations or admissions of facts and documents to avoid unnecessary proof;
- (2) the simplification of issues;
- (3) the limitation of number of witnesses;
- (4) the most expeditious manner for the retrieval of ballot boxes containing the ballots, election returns, certificates of canvass and other election documents involved in the election protest; and
- (5) such other matters as may aid in the prompt disposition of the election protest or petition for *quo warranto*.

(b) *Preliminary conference brief.* - The parties shall file with the Tribunal and serve on the adverse party a preliminary conference brief at least

five days before the date of the preliminary conference, which shall contain:

- (1) stipulations or admissions of facts and documents;
- (2) the issues to be resolved;
- (3) the numbers and names of witnesses, and the nature and substance of their respective testimonies;
- (4) the list of not more than three provinces which the parties may designate pursuant to Rule 65; and
- (5) the proposal on the prompt disposition of the case.

(c) *Preliminary conference order.* - The tribunal shall issue an order reciting the matters taken up during the preliminary conference and the action thereon. (R28)

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