

RULE 140. PLACE OF TRIAL

(a) **Request for Place of Trial:** The petitioner, at the time of filing the petition, shall file a request for place of trial showing the place at which the petitioner would prefer the trial to be held. If the petitioner has not filed such a request, then the Commissioner, at the time the answer is filed, shall file a request showing the place of trial preferred by the Commissioner. The Court will make reasonable efforts to conduct the trial at the location most convenient to that requested where suitable facilities are available. The parties shall be notified of the place at which the trial will be held.

(b) **Form:** Such request shall be set forth on a paper separate from the petition or answer. See Form 5, Appendix I.

(c) **Motion To Change Place of Trial:** If a party desires a change in the place of trial, then such party shall file a motion to that effect, stating fully the reasons therefor. Such motions, made after the notice of the time of trial has been issued, may be deemed dilatory and may be denied unless the ground therefor arose during that period or there was good reason for not making the motion sooner.