
Discovery in Depth

Discovery is a procedure that plaintiffs and defendants may use to “discover” evidence related to the case from the other side. There is a good chance that your opponent will request discovery from you at some point in your case. Response is mandatory, usually within 30 days, but if the requests are improper the response may be an objection to some or all of the requests. Discovery requests typically appear in the following three forms (click on hyperlinks or images to see the related LegalYou video):



[Interrogatories](#) are requests that the other side provide information in the form of written responses to the requests. Interrogatories often ask the other side to list or state certain facts relating to the case, for example what happened at a certain time and place, or the identity of witnesses.



[Requests for Admissions](#) are requests that the other side admit or deny statements of fact relating to the case. Unlike interrogatories, requests for admission do not ask the other side to provide additional information beyond admitting or denying the statements provided.



[Requests for Production](#) are requests for documents. If there is no objection, the responsive documents must be made available to the other side, usually by scanning copies.

“What happens if I receive discovery requests?”

If discovery requests are sent directly to you at any time, you should tell us right away, especially if they are included in the documents you were served with the complaint. We will help you draft responses and objections to the requests.

- Because discovery is all about the facts, which you know better than anyone else, we ask that you review the requests sent by the other side and tell us your response based on your view of the facts.
- You should also start collecting documents in response to a request for production as soon as possible.
- We will then work with you to refine your responses and draft objections where appropriate.
- Responding to discovery requests can be time-consuming, but it is an important part of the case that can often help us clarify what are your strongest arguments in the case.

“Can I make discovery requests to the other side?”

Yes! We will help you draft discovery requests for the other side where appropriate. If you believe the other side has facts or documents related to the case that it would be helpful for us to obtain, let us know and we will work with you to get them.