

RULE 29.2
PROPORTIONALITY IN DISCOVERY

DEFINITION

29.2.01 In this Rule, “document” has the same meaning as in clause 30.01(1)(a).

APPLICATION

29.2.02 This Rule applies to any determination by the court under any of the following Rules as to whether a party or other person must answer a question or produce a document:

1. Rule 30 (Discovery of Documents);
2. Rule 31 (Examination for Discovery);
3. Rule 34 (Procedure on Oral Examinations); and
4. Rule 35 (Procedure on Examination for Discovery by Written Questions).

CONSIDERATIONS

General

29.2.03 (1) In making a determination as to whether a party or other person must answer a question or produce a document, the court shall consider whether,

- (a) the time required for the party or other person to answer the question or produce the document would be unreasonable;
- (b) the expense associated with answering the question or producing the document would be unjustified;
- (c) requiring the party or other person to answer the question or produce the document would cause undue prejudice to the party or other person;
- (d) requiring the party or other person to answer the question or produce the document would unduly interfere with the orderly progress of the action; and
- (e) the information or the document is readily available to the party requesting it from another source.

Overall Volume of Documents

(2) In addition to the considerations listed in subrule (1), in determining whether to order a party or other person to produce one or more documents, the court shall consider whether such an order would result in an excessive volume of documents required to be produced by the party or other person.