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CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE
Part 4. Miscellaneous Provisions
Title 4. Civil Discovery Act
Chapter 5. Methods and Sequence of Discovery
Article 1. General Provisions

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Cal Code Civ Proc § 2019.020 (2009)

§ 2019.020. Sequence and timing of discovery

(a) Except as otherwise provided by a rule of the Judicial Council, a local court rule, or a local uniform written policy, the methods of discovery may be used in any sequence, and the fact that a party is conducting discovery, whether by deposition or another method, shall not operate to delay the discovery of any other party.

(b) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), on motion and for good cause shown, the court may establish the sequence and timing of discovery for the convenience of parties and witnesses and in the interests of justice.

HISTORY:

Added Stats 2004 ch 182 § 23 (AB 3081), operative July 1, 2005.

NOTES:

Historical Derivation:

Former CCP § 2019(c), added Stats 1986 ch 1334 § 2, amended Stats 1987 ch 86 § 4, Stats 1988 ch 553 § 2, Stats 1995 ch 576 § 6.

Law Revision Commission Comments:

2004

Subdivision (a) of Section 2019.020 continues the first sentence of former Section 2019(c) without substantive change.

Subdivision (b) continues the second sentence of former Section 2019(c) without substantive change.

Editor's Notes

For notes of decisions derived from cases decided under former CCP § 2019, see *CCP § 2019.010*.

Collateral References:

Cal. Forms Pleading & Practice (Matthew Bender(R)) ch 193 "Discovery: Depositions".

Cal. Points & Authorities (Matthew Bender(R)) ch 80 "Discovery: Scope Regulation And Timing" § 80.101.

Hierarchy Notes:

Pt. 4, Tit. 4 Note