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§ 2030.210. Written responses to interrogatories; Content of response; Format and method of transmission

(a) The party to whom interrogatories have been propounded shall respond in writing under oath separately to each interrogatory by any of the following:

- (1) An answer containing the information sought to be discovered.
- (2) An exercise of the party's option to produce writings.
- (3) An objection to the particular interrogatory.

(b) In the first paragraph of the response immediately below the title of the case, there shall appear the identity of the responding party, the set number, and the identity of the propounding party.

(c) Each answer, exercise of option, or objection in the response shall bear the same identifying number or letter and be in the same sequence as the corresponding interrogatory. The text of that interrogatory need not be repeated, except as provided in paragraph (6) of subdivision (d).

(d) In order to facilitate the discovery process:

(1) Except as provided in paragraph (5), upon request by the responding party, the propounding party shall provide the interrogatories in an electronic format to the responding party within three court days of the request.

(2) Except as provided in paragraph (5), upon request by the propounding party after receipt of the responses to the interrogatories, the responding party shall provide the responses in an electronic format to the propounding party within three court days of the request.

(3) A party may provide the interrogatories or responses to the interrogatories requested pursuant to paragraphs (1) and (2) in any format agreed upon by the parties. If the parties are unable to agree on a format, the interrogatories or responses to interrogatories shall be provided in plain text format.

(4) A party may transmit the interrogatories or responses to the interrogatories requested pursuant to paragraphs (1) and (2) by any method agreed upon by the parties. If the parties are unable to agree on a method of transmission, the interrogatories or responses to interrogatories shall be transmitted by electronic mail to an email address provided by the requesting party.

(5) If the interrogatories or responses to interrogatories were not created in an electronic format, a party is not required to create the interrogatories or response to interrogatories in an electronic format for the purpose of transmission to the requesting party.

(6) A responding party who has requested and received the interrogatories in an electronic format pursuant to paragraph (1) shall include the text of the interrogatory immediately preceding the response.

History

Added [Stats 2004 ch 182 § 23 \(AB 3081\)](#), operative July 1, 2005. Amended [Stats 2019 ch 190 § 1 \(AB 1349\)](#), effective January 1, 2020.

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Notes

↳ Derivation:

↳ Editor's Notes—

↳ Amendments:

↳ Derivation:

Former CCP § 2030(f) 1st to 3rd snt, added Stats 1986 ch 1334 § 2, amended [Stats 1987 ch 86 § 12](#), [Stats 1988 ch 553 § 4](#), ch 575 § 1, [Stats 1991 ch 1090 § 11](#).

↳ Editor's Notes—

For notes of decisions derived from cases decided under former CCP § 2030, see [CCP § 2030.010](#).

↳ Amendments:

2019 Amendment (ch 190):

Rewrote former (c), which read: "Each answer, exercise of option, or objection in the response shall bear the same identifying number or letter and be in the same sequence as the corresponding interrogatory, but the text of that interrogatory need not be repeated."; and added (d).

Commentary

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Subdivision (c) continues the third sentence of former [Section 2030\(f\)](#) without change.

Notes to Decisions

1. Generally

Trial court was not divested of authority to hear and grant a motion to compel responses under [CCP § 2030.290\(b\)](#) by the service of interrogatories that asserted inability to respond to some questions, which was not a proper response under [CCP § 2030.210\(a\)](#); hence, failure to complete the interrogatories was a proper basis for a monetary sanction against an attorney pursuant to [CCP §§ 2030.290\(c\)](#), [2023.030](#) for violation of the order compelling responses. [Sinaiko Healthcare Consulting, Inc. v. Pacific Healthcare Consultants \(Cal. App. 2d Dist. Mar. 8, 2007\)](#), [148 Cal. App. 4th 390](#), [55 Cal. Rptr. 3d 751](#), [2007 Cal. App. LEXIS 318](#).

Research References & Practice Aids

Treatises:

[Cal. Forms Pleading & Practice \(Matthew Bender\) ch 85 "Automobiles: Discovery".](#)

[Cal. Points & Authorities \(Matthew Bender\) ch 84 "Discovery: Interrogatories" § 84.50.](#)

[Cal. Fam. Law Practice & Procedure \(Matthew Bender\), § 110.04.](#)

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Hierarchy Notes:

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