

Guidance on Disclosure

- 1. The disclosure of documents i.e. a party revealing to the other party documents in its possession or under its control is an important part of the litigation process before the Court (article 26 of the Regulations and Procedural Rules of the Court; the "**Rules**")
- 2. In most cases, a party shall be required to disclose to the other party all documents or types of documents upon which it relies during the litigation (this is often done as a matter of course, for example by parties sending documents to the other side with a Claim Form, such as contracts or correspondence; article 26.2.1 of the Rules).
- 3. Additionally, in most cases, a party will be entitled to request from the other party disclosure of specific documents relevant to the case (documents that have not already been disclosed by the other party; article 26.2.2 of the Rules).
- 4. Where there is a dispute i.e. where one party requests a certain document which the other party does not have or wish to provide the Court will decide whether to order the party to disclose that disputed document (article 26.1 of the Rules).
- 5. The disclosure phase of the litigation process will usually follow the exchange of witness statements.
- 6. Parties are not required to disclose documents that are covered by legal professional privilege (article 26.4 of the Rules).

Key provisions: Articles 10 and 26 of the Rules.

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