

1 agency, by any officer or agent, who shall furnish such information
2 as is available to that party.

3 Each interrogatory shall be answered separately and fully in
4 writing under oath, unless it is objected to, in which event the
5 objecting party shall state the reasons for objection and shall
6 answer to the extent the interrogatory is not objectionable. When
7 answering each interrogatory, the party shall restate the
8 interrogatory, then provide the answer. The number of
9 interrogatories to a party shall not exceed thirty in number.
10 Interrogatories inquiring as to the names and, locations, and
11 contact information of witnesses, or the existence, location, and
12 custodian of documents or physical evidence shall be construed as
13 one interrogatory. The party responding to interrogatories
14 requesting names, locations, and contact information of witnesses
15 shall disclose full names, last-known addresses, and all last-known
16 telephone numbers of such witnesses as known by or otherwise
17 available to that party. All other interrogatories, including
18 subdivisions of one numbered interrogatory, shall be construed as
19 separate interrogatories. No further interrogatories will be served
20 unless authorized by the court. If counsel for a party believes
21 that more than thirty interrogatories are necessary, counsel shall
22 consult with opposing counsel promptly and attempt to reach a
23 written stipulation as to a reasonable number of additional
24 interrogatories. Counsel are expected to comply with this

1 requirement in good faith. In the event a written stipulation
2 cannot be agreed upon, the party seeking to submit such additional
3 interrogatories shall file a motion with the court (1) showing that
4 counsel have conferred in good faith but sincere attempts to resolve
5 the issue have been unavailing, (2) showing reasons establishing
6 good cause for their use, and (3) setting forth the proposed
7 additional interrogatories. The answers are to be signed by the
8 person making them, and the objections signed by the attorney making
9 them. Interrogatories may, without leave of court, be served upon
10 any party after the filing of a petition. The party upon whom the
11 interrogatories have been served shall serve a copy of the answers,
12 and objections if any, within thirty (30) days after the service of
13 the interrogatories. The ~~30-day~~ thirty-day response period shall
14 not commence until an answer to the petition is filed. However,
15 upon leave of court or otherwise agreed to in writing by the parties
16 subject to Section 3229 of this title, answers to interrogatories
17 may be required prior to the filing of an answer to the petition.
18 All grounds for an objection to an interrogatory shall be stated
19 with specificity. Any ground not stated in a timely objection is
20 waived unless the party's failure to object is excused by the court
21 for good cause shown. The party submitting the interrogatories may
22 move for an order under subsection A of Section 3237 of this title
23 with respect to any objection to or other failure to answer an
24 interrogatory.

1 B. SCOPE; USE AT TRIAL. Interrogatories may relate to any
2 matters which can be inquired into under subsection B of Section
3 3226 of this title, and the answers may be used to the extent
4 permitted by the Oklahoma Evidence Code as set forth in Sections
5 2101 et seq. of this title.

6 An interrogatory otherwise proper is not necessarily
7 objectionable because an answer to the interrogatory involves an
8 opinion or contention that relates to fact or the application of law
9 to fact. The court may order that such an interrogatory need not be
10 answered until after designated discovery has been completed or
11 until a pretrial conference or other later time.

12 C. OPTION TO PRODUCE BUSINESS RECORDS. Where the answer to an
13 interrogatory may be derived or ascertained from the business
14 records, including electronically stored information, of the party
15 upon whom the interrogatory has been served or from an examination,
16 audit or inspection of such business records, including a
17 compilation, abstract or summary thereof, and the burden of deriving
18 or ascertaining the answer is substantially the same for the party
19 serving the interrogatory as for the party served, it is a
20 sufficient answer to such interrogatory to specify the records from
21 which the answer may be derived or ascertained and to afford to the
22 party serving the interrogatory reasonable opportunity to examine,
23 audit or inspect such records and to make copies, compilations,
24 abstracts or summaries thereof. A specification shall be in

1 sufficient detail to permit the party submitting the interrogatory
2 to locate and to identify, as readily as can the party served, the
3 records from which the answer may be ascertained.

4 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

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6 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY - CIVIL, dated
7 02/10/2021 - DO PASS, As Coauthored.
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