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B(2)(b) Procedure for disclosure. The obligation to disclose under this subsection shall

be performed as soon as practicable following the filing of the complaint and the request to disclose. The court may supervise the exercise of disclosure to the extent necessary to insure that it proceeds properly and expeditiously. However, the court may limit the extent of disclosure under this subsection as provided in section C of this rule.

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# **GENERAL PROVISIONS GOVERNING DISCOVERY**

RULE 36

A Discovery methods. Parties may obtain discovery by one or more of the following methods: depositions [upon] on oral examination or written questions; production of documents or things or permission to enter [upon] land or other property[,] for inspection and other purposes; physical and mental examinations; and requests for admission.

**B Scope of discovery.** Unless otherwise limited by order of the court in accordance with these rules, the scope of discovery is as follows:

**B(1)** In general. For all forms of discovery, parties may inquire regarding any matter, not privileged, [which] that is relevant to the claim or defense of the party seeking discovery or to the claim or defense of any other party, including the existence, description, nature, custody, condition, and location of any books, documents, or other tangible things, and the identity and location of persons having knowledge of any discoverable matter. It is not a ground for objection that the information sought will be inadmissible at the trial if the information sought appears reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

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be performed as soon as practicable following the filing of the complaint and the request to disclose. The court may supervise the exercise of disclosure to the extent necessary to insure that it proceeds properly and expeditiously. However, the court may limit the extent of disclosure under this subsection as provided in section C of this rule.

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