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Gov. Newsom signs civil justice efficiency bill

SB 370 creates a more efficient standard for documents requests

SACRAMENTO (Aug. 30, 2019) – Gov. Gavin Newsom has signed legislation creating a more efficient standard for Requests for Production of Documents in civil cases.

Senate Bill 370 by Sen. Tom Umberg (D-Santa Ana) will require that any documents or category of documents produced in response to a demand be identified with the specific request number to which the documents respond. The measure is co-sponsored by Consumer Attorneys of California and California Defense Counsel,

Consumer Attorneys of California president Mike Arias said SB 370 will streamline the document discovery process under the Civil Discovery Act. “It will be more efficient for the rules to require that all documents be produced directly in response to each specific request,” Arias said. “Many times parties in the suit will produce a mass quantity of documents without specifying the category to which they are responsive. SB 370 will fix that problem.”

Consumer Attorneys of California is a professional organization of plaintiffs’ attorneys representing consumers seeking accountability against wrongdoers in cases involving personal injury, product liability, environmental degradation and other causes.

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