

Motions Filed Before Discovery

Motion to Dismiss

Request to "throw out" a case, common grounds include -

- Failure to state a claim
- Lack of jurisdiction
- Improper venue

Motion to Make a More Definite Claim

Request for other party to clarify their pleading

Motion to Quash Service of Process

Request to disregard the service of of summons and complaint on that party because it was not done properly

Discovery Tools

Interrogatories Requests for Production

Depositions Requests for Admissions

Motions During Discovery

Motion to Inspect

A request for access to private property or a particular item for inspection

Motion for Physical/Mental Examination

Request for an individual to submit to an examination

Motion to Compel

Request to compel other party to respond to discovery requests

Motion for Sanctions

A document submitted to the court to describe conduct that violates rules of the court by the other parties in a civil proceeding

Motions Filed After Discovery

Motion for Summary Judgment

Request for judge to enter a judgment in favor of the moving party because there is no genuine dispute as to any material of fact; therefore, the moving party is entitled to judgment as a matter of law

Motion in Limine

Request to limit or prevent certain evidence from being presented during trial

Motion for Judgment on the Pleadings

Request for ruling in moving party's favor based on the pleadings without accepting evidence because the outcome of the case rests on the court's application of law



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