

DNA: Discovery Requests

Introduction

Discovery is the process whereby parties involved in a legal proceeding obtain facts and information from the other party.

General discovery guidelines can be found in *Legal Issues*, *LEG: Discovery Requests* in the *Administrative Manual*.

Additional documents provided

The following documents are publicly available on the District Attorney's Office website:

- Current and archived Biology manuals
- Current and archived Quality manuals
- ASCLD/LAB Accreditation Certificates and Scope documents

The laboratory should provide the following documentation to the Deputy DA for discovery, when requested:

- Completed reports
- Copies of all case note pages
- Electronic data
- Administrative documents
- Redacted versions of the Instances of Contamination records (including both DNA and pre-analysis records)
- Analyst's CV
- Internal validation summaries
- Maintenance and QC logs
- Laboratory contamination rate memo

NOTE: Discovery of items not listed above will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis by the laboratory and the Deputy District Attorney handling the case. *Brady* materials are maintained by the District Attorney's Office.
