

Jacksonville Attorneys Discuss New “Relevance and Proportionality” Standard

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Jacksonville attorneys [Jeffrey S. York](#) and [J. Morgan Foster](#) published an article in the ACC North Florida Chapter’s Third Quarter 2018 [newsletter](#).

In the article, titled “Three Years In: Has the New ‘Relevance and Proportionality’ Standard of Rule 26 (b)(1) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure Changed the Landscape of Federal Court Discovery?,” they discuss changes implemented to Rule 26(b)(1) which now require that in addition to the requirement that discovery be relevant to any party’s claim or defense, it must also be “proportional to the needs of the case.” Six considerations are included for courts to apply to determine if the discovery is “proportional.” The article goes on to discuss cases where courts have applied the new rule since it became effective on December 1, 2015.

To read the full article, please click [here](#).

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