



# Administration of Justice Act 1970

## 1970 CHAPTER 31

### PART III

#### DISCOVERY AND RELATED PROCEDURES

**[<sup>F1</sup>31 Power of court to order disclosure, etc. of documents before commencement of proceedings.**

On the application, in accordance with rules of court, of a person who appears to the High Court to be likely to be a party to subsequent proceedings in that court in which a claim in respect of personal injuries to a person or in respect of a person's death is likely to be made, the High Court shall, in such circumstances as may be specified in the rules, have power to order a person who appears to the court to be likely to be a party to the proceedings and to be likely to have or to have had in his possession, custody or power any documents which are relevant to an issue arising or likely to arise out of that claim—

- (a) to disclose whether those documents are in his possession, custody or power ;and
- (b) to produce to the applicant such of those documents as are in his possession,custody or power.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Ss. 31–33, 35 repealed (so far as they relate to the High Court and county courts in England and Wales) by [Supreme Court Act 1981 \(c. 54, SIF 37\)](#), s. 152(4), [Sch. 7](#)

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Administration of Justice Act 1970, Section 31.