

2013 Winning at Deposition: Skills and Strategy

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Friday Morning, Sep. 20, 2013

Presiding Officer:

D. Shane Read, U.S. Attorney's Office, Northern District of Texas - Dallas, TX

8:00 am	Registration Opens Includes continental breakfast.
8:50 am	Welcoming Remarks
9:00 am 0.25 hr	Don't Lose Sight of the Forest for the Trees Learn the failsafe tricks to ensure you have a winning strategy at depositions. D. Shane Read, U.S. Attorney's Office, Northern District of Texas - Dallas, TX
9:15 am 0.50 hr	Developing Your Trial Cross through the Adverse Deposition Discover effective techniques for getting the answers you need from an adverse witness. Stephen C. Rasch, Thompson & Knight LLP - Dallas, TX
9:45 am 0.50 hr	Witness Preparation: A Trial Consultant's Perspective Learn the secrets of successful witness preparation. Adam Boesen, Courtroom Sciences, Inc. - Irving, TX
10:15 am 0.50 hr	Preparing Your Witness for Deposition Witnesses win cases, and lose them. Learn how to keep your witness from giving it all up in a deposition and how to use the deposition to help prepare your witness to be a winner at trial. William B. Dawson, Gibson Dunn & Crutcher LLP - Dallas, TX
10:45 am	Break
11:00 am 0.50 hr ethics	Overcoming the Problem Witness Ethically and Professionally Acquire the techniques to use against witnesses who feign ignorance, are evasive, and are combative. Frank L. Branson, The Law Offices of Frank L. Branson P.C. - Dallas, TX

11:30 am 0.25 hr	Using a Deposition at Trial Learn the secrets to effectively impeach a witness at trial D. Shane Read, U.S. Attorney's Office, Northern District of Texas - Dallas, TX
11:45 am	Pick Up Lunch Included in registration.

Friday Afternoon, Sep. 20, 2013

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	LUNCHEON PRESENTATION
12:00 pm 1.00 hr	A Judicial Perspective on Deposition Disputes and the Use of Depositions at Trial A panel of state judges and federal magistrate judges share their views on how attorneys should handle disputes at depositions and how attorneys should present depositions at trial. Moderators: Quentin Brogdon, The Law Offices of Frank L. Branson, P.C. - Dallas, TX D. Shane Read, U.S. Attorney's Office, Northern District of Texas - Dallas, TX Panelists: Hon. Irma Carrillo Ramirez, U.S. Magistrate Judge - Dallas, TX Hon. Renée Harris Toliver, U.S. District Court for the Northern District - Dallas, TX Hon. Tonya Parker, 116th District Court, Dallas County - Dallas, TX Hon. Gena N. Slaughter, 191st District Court - Dallas, TX
1:00 pm	Break
1:15 pm 0.50 hr	Beating the Expert Find out how to take an expert's deposition. Learn how to avoid being intimidated and how to outsmart the "expert." Quentin Brogdon, The Law Offices of Frank L. Branson, P.C. - Dallas, TX
1:45 pm 0.50 hr	Defending the Expert Deposition There is an art to preparing an expert for her deposition so she succeeds. Learn how to successfully prepare the expert and defend her once the deposition begins. Dawn Estes, Estes Okon Thorne & Carr PLLC - Dallas, TX
2:15 pm 0.50 hr	How to Take a Deposition on Behalf of the Plaintiff in a Tort Case Find out the nuances of taking a deposition on behalf of a plaintiff in a tort case. Windle Turley, Turley Law Firm - Dallas, TX

2:45 pm 0.50 hr	How to Take a Deposition in a Contract Case Understand the unique strategies for taking a deposition in a contract case. Lewis Sifford, Sifford, Anderson & Co., P.C. - Dallas, TX
3:15 pm	Break
3:30 pm 0.50 hr	How to Take the Deposition of a Corporate Witness Develop skills that will help you master the art of taking the deposition of a corporate representative. Robert D. Crain, Crain Lewis, L.L.P. - Dallas, TX
4:00 pm 0.50 hr	Using Documents at a Deposition to Win Your Case Master the skills necessary to authenticate documents and use them at a deposition to win your case. Elizabeth M. Fraley, Fraley & Fraley, L.L.P. - Dallas, TX
4:30 pm 0.50 hr ethics	Putting Combative Lawyers in Their Place Do not get intimidated by overzealous opposing counsel. Instead, use these techniques to defuse a potential disaster in an ethical and professional manner. Charla G. Aldous, Aldous Law Firm - Dallas, TX
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