# 2014 WINNING AT DEPOSITION: SKILLS AND STRATEGY

Learn Deposition Tips and Techniques from Top Dallas Litigators



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#### WEDNESDAY MORNING, OCT. 1, 2014

**Presiding Officer:** Shane Read, U.S. Attorney's Office, Northern District of Texas, Dallas, TX

8:00 a.m. **Registration Opens** Includes continental breakfast.

Welcoming Remarks 8:50 a.m.

#### 9:00 a.m.

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#### Don't Lose Sight of the Forest for the Trees

Learn the failsafe tricks to ensure you have a winning strategy at depositions.

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

#### 9:30 a.m.

#### **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

#### 10:00 a.m.

## Witness Preparation:

#### A Trial Consultant's Perspective

Learn the secrets of successful witness preparation. Adam Boesen, Courtroom Sciences, Inc., Irving, TX

#### 10:30 a.m.

#### **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.

Robert C. Walters, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP, Dallas, TX

#### 11:00 a.m. Break

11:15 a.m.

.50 hr ethics

#### **Overcoming the Problem Witness**

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

#### 11:45 a.m.

#### Using a Deposition at Trial

Learn the secrets to effectively impeach a witness at trial.

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

12:00 p.m. Pick Up Lunch Included in registration.

#### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

#### **Presiding Officer:**

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#### LUNCHEON PRESENTATION

#### 12:15 p.m.

#### A Judicial Perspective on Deposition Disputes and the Use of Depositions at Trial

A panel of district court judges and county judges share their views on how attorneys should handle disputes at depositions and how attorneys should present depositions at trial.

#### Moderators:

Shane Read, U.S. Attorney's Office, Northern District of Texas, Dallas, TX Quentin Brogdon, The Law Offices of

Frank L. Branson, P.C., Dallas, TX Panelists:

Hon. Jim R. Jordan, 160th Civil District Court, Dallas, TX Hon. Phyllis Lister Brown, 162nd Civil District Court, Dallas, TX

Hon. Sally L. Montgomery, Dallas County Court at Law No. 3, Dallas, TX

Hon. Mark B. Greenberg, Dallas County Court at Law No. 5, Dallas, TX

#### 1:00 p.m. Break

#### 1:15 p.m.

#### Beating the Expert

Find out how to take an expert's deposition. Learn how to avoid being intimidated and how to set realistic, attainable goals when you depose the "expert."

Quentin Brogdon, The Law Offices of Frank L. Branson, P.C., Dallas, TX

#### 1:45 p.m.

.25 hr

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#### **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 p.m.

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#### Essential Rules for Deposing on Behalf of the Plaintiff

When representing the Plaintiff: basic, but essential steps for a successful deposition of defendant's expert, a witness or the defendant.

Windle Turley, Turley Law Firm, Dallas, TX

#### 2:45 p.m.

#### How to Take a Deposition in a Contract Case

Understand the unique strategies for taking a deposition in a contract case.

Break

Lewis Sifford, Sifford, Anderson & Co., P.C., Dallas, TX

3:15 p.m.

#### 3:30 p.m.

#### .50 hr

.50 hr

#### Taking the Deposition of a **Corporate Representative**

A review of the rules plus discussion of practical ways to maximize testimony from a corporate representative.

Robert D. Crain, Crain Lewis, L.L.P., Dallas, TX

.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 p.m.

.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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4:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m. Adjourn

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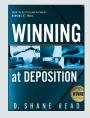
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A successful deposition is the most important weapon you have to win your case. How can you be sure to get it every time? Learn from the skillful techniques—and memorable failures-that occurred at the most famous depositions of all time, those of President Bill Clinton, Bill Gates, and O.J. Simpson. This deposition book has it all, clearly explained in an easy-to-understand format.

Winning at Deposition is the only book on depositions that analyzes transcripts and videos of actual depositions. Learn how to take a deposition, how to defend a deposition, how to take the deposition of an expert witness, plus many more innovative tips including:

- The ins and outs of taking a deposition for beginners and experienced lawyers
- Innovative advice on witness preparation
- Why much of the conventional wisdom about depositions is completely wrong
- How to beat an expert witness every time
- Three secrets that guarantee success with argumentative lawyers and lying witnesses

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11–20 years

Over 20 years

Size of firm:		
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	2–10 attorneys	
	11–24 attorneys	
	25–49 attorneys	
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### REASONS TO ATTEND WINNING AT DEPOSITION: SKILLS AND STRATEGY

- Learn from top Dallas litigators as they share their deposition tips and techniques.
- Hear district and county judges' perspectives on deposition disputes and using depositions at trial.
- Develop a winning deposition strategy.
- **Discover the secrets** of successful witness preparation.
- Acquire the skills to effectively cross-examine an adverse witness and deal with evasive and combative witnesses.

- Learn how to use a deposition to impeach a witness at trial.
- Find out how to beat the other side's expert witness and defend your own.
- Understand the differing strategies for taking depositions in a tort case vs. a contract case.
- **Master the art** of taking the deposition of a corporate representative.
- Learn techniques to put combative lawyers in their place.

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#### **KEY DATES**

September 24, 2014 last day for early registration add \$50 for registrations received after this time

September 26, 2014 last day for cancellation (full refund)

September 29, 2014 last day for cancellation (partial refund) \$50 processing fee applied

> October 1, 2014, 8:50 a.m. Conference begins