

# WHAT DO YOU MEAN I'M A WITNESS?

35<sup>th</sup> Annual Employment Law Conference  
May 6, 2022

1

## GOALS FOR THIS CLE

1. The General Rule
2. The Privilege Protocol
3. Special Cases
4. Waiver
5. The Advocate Rule

**BOULETTE GOLDEN  
& MARIN L.L.P.**

2

# THE GENERAL RULE

BOULETTE GOLDEN  
& MARIN L.L.P.

3

## THE GENERAL RULE

“[T]here is no blanket immunity that exempts lawyers from being deposed. ...”

*In re Mason & Co. Property Management*, 172 S.W.3d 308, 313  
(Tex. App.—Corpus Christi, 2005. orig. proceeding)

“Simple possession of a law license does not result in blanket immunity from a deposition.”

*Advanced Technology Incubator v. Sharp Corp.*, 263 F.R.D. 395, 397  
(W.D. Tex. 2009)

BOULETTE GOLDEN  
& MARIN L.L.P.

4

## THE GENERAL RULE

“There is no rule that gives an attorney or an attorney's employees a privilege from being called to testify. ...”

*In re Bexar County Criminal Dist. Attorney's Office*, 224 S.W.3d 182, 193-94 (Tex. 2007) (J. Johnson dissenting)

“Except as otherwise provided by Constitution, by statute, by these rules, or by other rules prescribed pursuant to statutory authority, no person has a privilege to ... refuse to be a witness. ...”

TEX. R. EVID. 501

**BOULETTE GOLDEN  
& MARIN L.L.P.**

# THE PRIVILEGE PROTOCOL

**BOULETTE GOLDEN  
& MARIN L.L.P.**

Find the full text of this and thousands of other resources from leading experts in dozens of legal practice areas in the [UT Law CLE eLibrary \(utcle.org/elibrary\)](https://utcle.org/elibrary)

Title search: What Do You Mean I'm a Witness?

Also available as part of the eCourse

[2022 Labor and Employment Law eConference](#)

First appeared as part of the conference materials for the  
29<sup>th</sup> Annual Labor and Employment Law Conference session  
"What Do You Mean I'm a Witness?"