

DEPOSITION BASICS

What You Need To Know

Deposition Date _____

Deposition Time _____

Deposition Place _____

The following lists some important concepts from the video you need to remember:

Before your deposition:

1. Review any documents that will help to refresh your memory with the permission of your lawyer.
2. Ask your lawyer about any questions you might have beforehand.
3. If possible, re-visit the scene of the accident, make notes about what happened and try to remember all of the specifics of the day it occurred.
4. Refrain from discussing any matters with the opposing side.
5. Plan accordingly for reliable transportation and childcare if needed.
6. Plan to arrive early at the location for your deposition.
7. Get plenty of rest the night before, and try to remain calm and relaxed.
8. Avoid alcohol or medications that may alter your judgment or interfere with your ability to testify accurately.
9. Dress comfortably, but professionally and appropriately.

During your deposition:

1. Behave in a professional, courteous and calm manner.
2. Treat the opposing attorney with respect.
3. Don't get angry and lose your temper. Remain calm at all times, and avoid getting emotional or upset.
4. Speak clearly and audibly, so that the court reporter can understand everything that you say.
5. Ask for breaks if you need them. You are entitled to stop and take a break if you choose to do so.
6. Answer the questions honestly and accurately.