

Taking Depositions Interactive Workshop 2023

Play the role of counsel as well as witness in mock exercises

MCLE's two-day *Taking Depositions Interactive Workshop* is a unique opportunity for attorneys with little or no experience in handling depositions to learn how to prepare for, take, and defend depositions and to use deposition testimony at trial, and for more experienced attorneys to improve their deposition skills.

Throughout two days of "on-your-feet" participation, you play the role of counsel and witness in mock exercises. During the exercises, you take a portion of the deposition of the opposing party's witness, defend your own witness, and take the deposition of experts. Your performance is immediately critiqued by experienced faculty in small groups. In addition, the faculty participates in panel discussions and demonstrates effective techniques for explaining the process of a deposition to the witness, taking a deposition, dealing with a difficult opposing counsel or witness, introducing deposition testimony at trial, and using prior inconsistent deposition testimony for impeachment.

Tips and pointers for every step

- Prepare a Witness to Testify
- Make Effective Use of Stenographers
- Start a Deposition: Stipulations and Opening Statements
- Ask Background Questions
- Question Witnesses Regarding Conversations and Events
- Use Documents During an Examination and Lay the Foundation for a Document's Admissibility at Trial
- Qualifying Digital Evidence at a Deposition
- Deal with Difficult Lawyers and Witnesses
- Depose Experts
- Make Objections and React to Those of Opposing Counsel
- Use an Instruction Not to Answer
- Make Motions to Compel Further Answers
- End the Deposition
- Offer Deposition Testimony at Trial
- Impeach a Witness by Prior Inconsistent Testimony at Trial

Faculty

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Dates & Location

Register at www.mcle.org

BOSTON

Thursday, October 17, &
Friday, October 18, 2024
8:30 am–5:00 pm
MCLE Conference Center
10 Winter Place, via Winter Street
Program # 2250103P01

Tuition *(includes written materials)*

- \$595
- \$535.50 MCLE Members
- \$297.50 New Lawyers admitted to law practice within 5 years, Pending Admittees, and Law Students

This limited-enrollment program is not included in the MCLE OnlinePass.

To apply for a need-based scholarship, email scholarships@mcle.org.

Special materials and preparation

You receive workshop materials, including simulation exercises, approximately one week prior to the workshop so that you may prepare. Pre-workshop preparation ensures that you maximize the learning experience for yourself and for other registrants. In addition, attendees receive two excellent resources to use when preparing and conducting depositions.

Each registrant receives:

- *Effective Deposition Strategies and Techniques*, a portable reference guide to assist you in preparing an outline, asking questions, and responding to objections, as well as defending a deposition.
- *Selected Cases on Deposition Sanctions*, a compilation of judicial rulings on improper deposition conduct which attorneys can refer to when dealing with an obstreperous opponent.
- *Massachusetts Deposition Practice Manual*

Registration notes

Space is limited and is available on a first come, first served basis.

Cancel by the end of the business day prior to the first day of the workshop and we'll refund your tuition minus a \$100 processing fee.

CLE Credits

Earn up to 12 CLE credits

Including up to 0.5 ethics credit