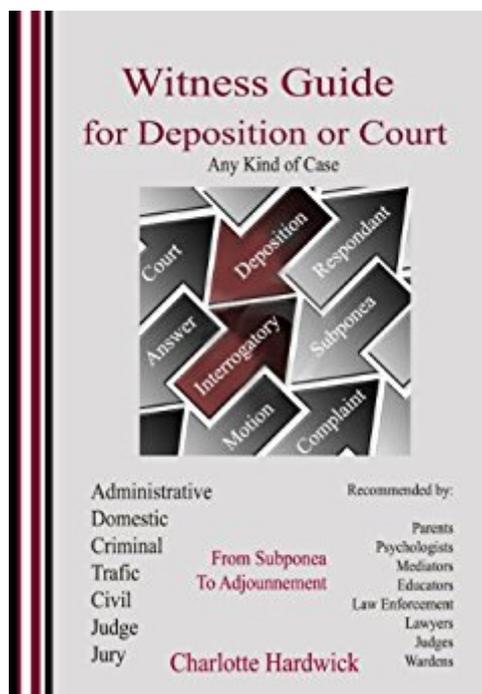


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Synopsis

Primarily to bare witness is to communicate. The meaning taken in communication is how it is received... not how it was intended. Interactions should be marked by civility, reasoned discourse, and mutual respect. Hostile personal attacks, will not be tolerated by a judge or jury. There is no restriction of the disclosure of feeling or strong opinion, but all disclosure should display your best manners... leave your "edge" and "attitude" elsewhere. Irony, sarcasm, and any such "nuanced" affective intention may work well in the courtroom but, communicates very poorly in a text based medium such as deposition. Legal proceedings make everyone nervous. Remembering this will help you to be a better witness and help you avoid embarrassing yourself or damaging your case. There are many differences between a deposition and courtroom testimony. A deposition is a fishing expedition and any or all things may be questioned. Courtroom testimony may only consist of information that is relevant or likely to lead to relevant evidence. Each should be thought of and prepared for separately even though you may experience both during one case. This book was written for the person facing deposition or court for the first time or again after a long absence from the courtroom. There is a great deal of difference between an appearance for deposition and one for court. They are neither inclusive or exclusive of each other and preparation for each is essential. The same remarkably friendly opposition attorney you face at deposition may treat you brutally in cross examination at court. This book will prepare you for the Professional Litigator or the Mad Dog approach. There are many books written for attorneys on how to effectively question a witness but there is very little information available on how to competently answer the questions. The information available has been written by and for attorneys and expert witnesses, for whom the courtroom has become a second home. This book is specifically written for the layperson by a layperson with a great deal of help from the pros! Whether you are testifying in court for your own case, on behalf of a friend, the company you work for, or in case you must appear because you have been served a subpoena witness's™ Guide will help you.

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In the "Witness Guide", author C. Hardwick has written an invaluable manual on the "art" of testifying. With practical advice on clothing, appearance, demeanor and behavior, the Guide covers the subject comprehensively, something we've come to expect from the author, who has also written "Win Your Custody War", the "bible" of custody battle advice and guidance. With 17 chapters, the Guide covers everything from "What Is A Witness?" to "Perjury" and "Deposition", to name just a few. Since the Guide is written in a semi-formal tone, it's easy to read and understand. Author Hardwick explains everything in plain language with plenty of examples. The Guide covers common "traps" that the opposing attorney may set for you, including an explanation of how the trap works, why its use may be improper, and some good sample responses to these traps.

Understanding this section will give you a powerful advantage in court. The opposing counsel won't be able to intimidate you (something they count on), and this all by itself will throw them off balance.

An excellent book to give to anyone who may have to testify for you. We also found the material in the Guide to be slightly more detailed than the material in "Win Your Custody War". The Guide has a fifty-one page Glossary that describes and defines many legal terms relevant to court proceedings. You can actually get quite an education just by reading the Glossary. As with the rest of the Guide, the Glossary is written for the layman and keeps legal jargon to a minimum. Based on price as well as content, we rate the Witness Guide as a 5-star resource (on a scale of 1 to service to it's members, and is not affiliated with the authors or Pale Horse Publishing. The FRTC site receives no compensation of any type for producing this review, and does not receive any compensation for sales of the book.

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