

Tips for Remote Depositions

Remote depositions can keep your case on track. Check local rules and use these tips to ensure they go smoothly.

Before
the deposition



During
the deposition



Test with everyone

The videoconference will only be as successful as its weakest connection.



Check connectivity

If the wifi speed isn't fast enough, consider a hardwire connection.



Test your audio

If the computer audio isn't clear, call in with your phone, as well.



Check your lighting

Avoid backlighting so your face can be seen clearly.



Practice recording

Most conferencing tools can record. Ensure both audio & visual are captured.



Email exhibits

If your strategy allows for sharing exhibits ahead of time, send securely.



Practice screensharing

If you aren't sending exhibits ahead, make sure you're able to share them.



Stipulate for the record

Specify the deposition will be conducted and recorded by videoconference.



Close unused apps

Exit unneeded applications that could slow down your computer & connection.



Turn off all notifications

Silence your alerts to ensure the conference isn't interrupted.



Mute your line

When you aren't speaking, mute your line to reduce background noise.



Speak slowly

Slow down your speech to minimize the need for clarifications.



Avoid interruptions

Notify colleagues/family you're on a video call to prevent accidental cameos.

Video conferencing can be relatively seamless. Preparation and practice are key to avoiding technology distractions during the deposition.

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