



# Mock Deposition And Trial: Starting Off

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## A Few Pointers

- A deposition is testimony under oath.
  - Don't lie. Don't dissemble.
- Keep your demeanor
  - Don't argue, no matter how nasty the question
- Answer the question
  - Yes or no, then explain only if necessary
- You can only lose
  - Don't be an advocate
  - Don't open the door

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- Not a teaching opportunity unless asked
  - Long, rambling answers are an invitation to trouble
- Don't keep notes of issues
- Keep track of exhibits
- Your counsel can ask clarifying questions after the other side rests. Remember what things are not clear after their questions.

Thank you

## Questions?

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