

# Preparing Witnesses for Depositions & Trial

*From nervous Nellie into calm Carrie*

Explore the essential strategies and techniques required to effectively prepare witnesses for the critical stages of deposition and trial. In today's dynamic legal landscape, the success of a case often hinges on the credibility and poise of the witnesses presented. This program aims to equip attorneys with the skills necessary to guide and empower their witnesses, ensuring they communicate their testimony confidently and accurately.

Participants in this program gain comprehensive insight into witness preparation methodologies. Experienced legal instructors delve into the nuances of witness demeanor, communication styles, and the psychological aspects of testimony delivery. Attendees learn how to address potential challenges such as hostile questioning, objections, and the intricacies of cross-examination.

## Agenda

- Witness Demeanor
- Communication Styles
- Psychological Aspects
- Hostile Questioning
- Objections
- Cross-Examination
- Ethics of Witness Preparation
- When to Assert the Fifth Amendment Privilege Against Self-Incrimination

## Faculty

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## Dates & Location

Register at [www.mcle.org](http://www.mcle.org)

### LIVE WEBCAST

Tuesday, March 26, 2024  
12:00 pm–1:00 pm  
Program # 2240262WBC

### REBROADCAST

Wednesday, April 10, 2024  
10:00 am–11:00 am  
Program # 2240262RB1

### REBROADCAST

Thursday, April 18, 2024  
12:00 pm–1:00 pm  
Program # 2240262RB2

### ON DEMAND WEBCAST

View after Thursday, April 18, 2024  
Program # 2240262WBA

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*Massachusetts Deposition Practice Manual* ebook, plus speaker materials

- E-materials link emailed upon registration
- Transcript & videorecording emailed 2 weeks post-program

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