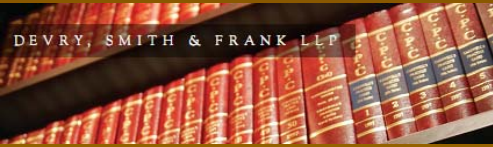


TESTIFYING AT TRIAL 101



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW IF YOU ARE CALLED
TO TESTIFY

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INTRODUCTION

- Your patient is our client.
- Compensation is the only way Lawyers can help the victim.
- When you don't look good – we don't look good.
- Preparation the key to confidence.

OVERVIEW

- YOU GET A CALL FROM COUNSEL... "YOUR PATIENT'S CLAIM IS GOING TO TRIAL."
- THE LAWYER WANTS TO MEET WITH YOU BEFORE TRIAL
- GIVING YOUR EVIDENCE IN CHIEF
- UNDERGOING CROSS EXAMINATION

CALL FROM COUNSEL

- Don't Panic! Stay Calm. Call the lawyer back. You are not being sued!
- Obtain and review your notes and records only if you are asked to.
- Check your schedule and confirm your availability to meet with the lawyer, and to testify at trial.
- Don't Panic! Stay Calm. You will get paid!

WHY DOES THE LAWYER WANT TO MEET WITH YOU BEFORE TRIAL?

1. To ensure that we have collected the evidence needed to prove our case;
2. To ensure that you understand the different types of questions you will be asked in cross exam and;
3. To explain what to expect at court generally so that you are not intimidated or unnerved.

EVIDENCE IN CHIEF

- Give your evidence in a way that an intelligent lay person can understand.
- Be prepared to explain medical phrases or concepts, like "contusion", etc..
- Listen to the question and answer only the question.
- Tell the truth.
- You are the story teller and the jury is the audience.

CROSS-EXAMINATION

- Admit the facts you were asked to assume.
- Be confident.
- Stick to your conclusions.
- Don't be afraid to say you don't know or remember the answer.

SNAPSHOTS by Jess Lowe



"So help me, *which* god?"

QUESTIONS?

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