

Court Prep - Testifying Tips



Listen to each question carefully.

Answer what is asked of you. Do not volunteer additional information.

Think about your response before answering.

You do not have the right to object to a question - that is the attorney's job.

ALWAYS tell the truth.

Answer confidently with a yes or no when able.

"I don't remember" and "I don't know" are perfectly adequate answers if that is the case.

Control your temper, regardless of provocation.

Avoid humor and sarcasm.

Watch your facial expressions.

Do not discuss cases with opposing counsel.

It is fine to refer to your notes, or to the file, but important documents should be tabbed for easy referencing.

And finally, dress for success.