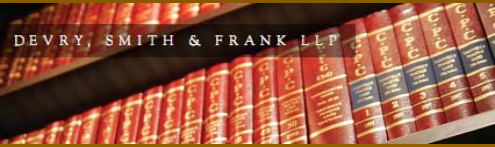


# TESTIFYING AT TRIAL 101



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW IF YOU ARE CALLED TO TESTIFY

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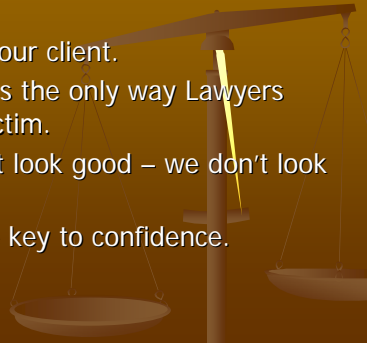
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# INTRODUCTION

- 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.



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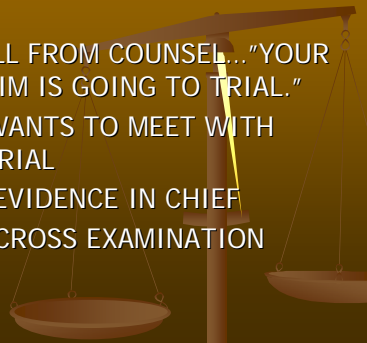
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# OVERVIEW

- 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



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## 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!

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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### SNAPSHOTS by Jessi Loo



"So help me, *which* god?"

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## QUESTIONS?

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