

Why Are Legal Videos Such an Important Part of Litigation Support?

Video [deposition services](#) are an important part of [litigation support](#). Depositions are legal proceedings in which a witness provides answers to questions asked by an attorney as well as opposing counsel. Attorneys have the option of presenting written depositions or legal video [depositions](#) at trial for jurors to examine. Jurors may examine the video or the [court reporters](#) written transcript as many times as necessary while deliberating after a trial is concluded.

With Eyes Wide Open

Some attorneys prefer to have legal video services in addition to **court reporting services** because they find that it adds a more accessible means of communication with the jury. The jury can see a witness' demeanor during the video and can observe body language or other non-verbal cues that suggest that the witness may or may not be telling the entire truth. This type of evidence isn't apparent with written transcripts, which merely report the witness' words and not what she did while answering the question.

Paying Close Attention

Video testimony is also important for another reason: some jurors have a short attention span or may have learning disabilities that interfere with reading or paying attention to long blocks of text. Thus, video depositions can help ensure the jury is paying proper attention and fully comprehends the evidence put before them. If several jurors aren't able to focus on a court reporters written transcript, a defendant won't get as fair a trial as he would if the jury was given videotaped evidence in conjunction with the written transcript.

Putting It All Together

Oftentimes during depositions, attorneys use a **court reporter** and legal videographer to record the deponent. The two services can then be combined in what is known as digital video transcript synchronization. This advanced technology allows the attorney to compare the written transcript with the video transcript. It also gives the attorney the capability to edit deposition video clips, link exhibits and PowerPoint presentations, as well as create graphics and animation to present to a jury.

Using the right [court reporting services](#) provider, one that utilizes professional equipment and technological innovations like digital video transcript synchronization, attorneys can leverage the power of legal video services to provide the most benefit to their clients.

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