

University of Houston Law Center  
Spring 2018  
Depositions Class

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**Professor:** Michael Morfey

**Required Text:** The Effective Deposition; Malone, Hoffman, Bocchino  
(Current Edition)

NITA case file for Dixon v. Providential Life Insurance  
Company (current edition)

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**Course goals:**

You will develop the skills necessary to prepare for, conduct, and defend the depositions of fact and expert witnesses.

**Grading:**

Your grading will be based on the following five components:

50% Five quizzes spaced throughout the semester

25% Class Participation / Drills / In-class Exercises

25% Preparation Memo

## **Tentative schedule**

- Class 1      Reading:      Beginning the deposition and questioning techniques  
(Chapters 6, 7)
- Class 2      Reading:      Defending the deposition (Chapter 14)  
**Quiz #1**
- Class 3      Reading:      Deposition mechanics (Chapter 1)  
**Quiz #2**
- Class 4      Reading:      Dixon v. Providential Life
- Class 5      Reading:      Preparing to grill the witness (Chapter 5)
- Class 6      Reading:      Preparing your witness for the grill (Chapter 13)  
**Quiz #3**
- Class 7      Reading:      Using documents (Chapter 9)
- Class 8      Reading:      Dealing with obnoxious lawyers (Chapter 11)  
**Quiz #4**
- Class 9      Reading:      Using depositions/impeachment (Chapter 16)
- Class 10     Reading:      Ending the deposition and correcting transcript  
(Chapter 10, 15)  
**Quiz #5**
- Class 11     Reading:      Depositions for use at trial (Chapter 17)
- Class 12     Reading:      Expert depositions (Chapter 19)  
Hand out materials for Preparation Memo
- Class 13     Reading:      Chapter 19, Appendix B
- Class 14     **Turn in Preparation Memo**