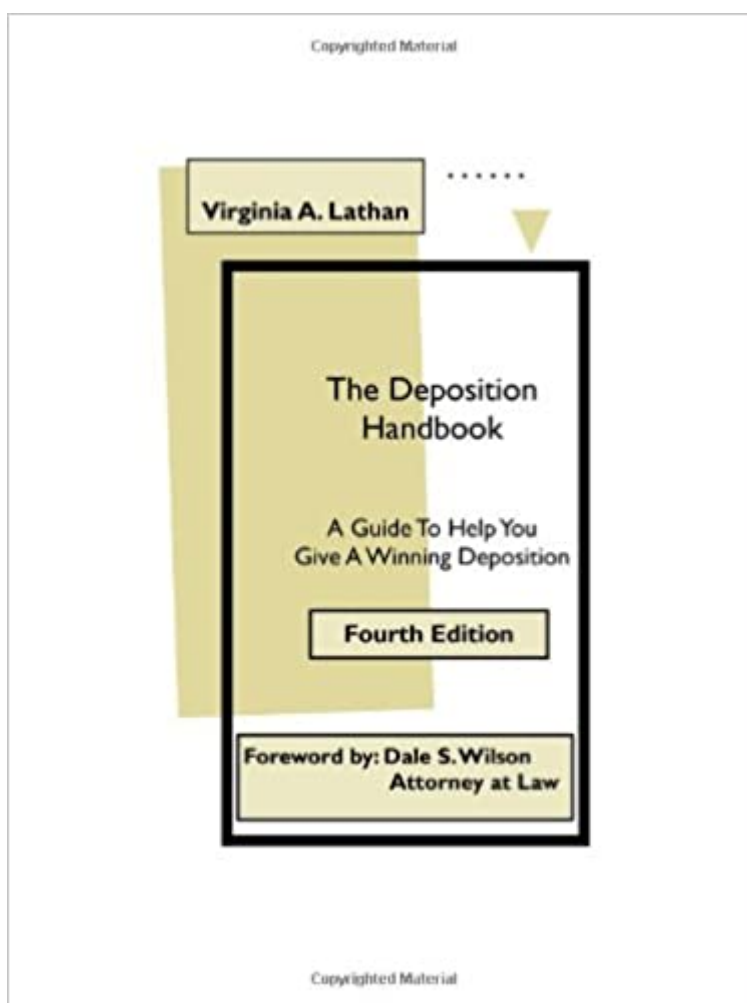


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# The Deposition Handbook: A Guide To Help You Give A Winning Deposition



## Synopsis

This book helps deposition witnesses--and even attorneys--get through the deposition process easily and knowledgeably. It gives relevant information in plain English, points out pitfalls, and helps the reader feel empowered!

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"I believe the Deposition Handbook will improve my effectiveness in all future depositions I may give as an expert witness." -- Shelly Nathan Bailey, P.E. "If there were a required reading list to prepare for a deposition, this book should be high on the list." -- Dale S. Wilson, Esq. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Virginia Lathan started writing when working as a court reporter. For her, court reporting was interesting but not creative, which made her pursue her desired choice of professions: writing. She wrote the first edition of The Deposition Handbook in 1991, and since then she's written two other non-fiction books--"Preventing Sexual Harassment: A Training Manual for the Workplace" and "Needs Assessment: A Guide for Community Action." She's now working on a suspense/thriller novel, which will be published in 2010.

This is a very thin book that was not very helpful to me. I am in the midst of depositions for a Civil case. This books talks about being honest, telling the truth, but it does not discuss how to give a deposition when the opposing counsels attorney is asking questions to you that make your truth

sound untruthful and when the opposing counsel is trying to intimidate you, and passing notes back and fourth to other counsel to distract you. The Nolo handbook has been much better for me. In sum, I have come to the conclusion on depositions that no matter what you say, no matter how truthful you are...the opposing counsel can take one of your words and make you out to be a monster in the written word. Thus, it seems to me all depositions should be corrected to what you mean to say. That can also be used against you which I find ridiculous. So, just take a deep breath and do the best you can and hope that Justice and the truth will prevail for your case.

This guide is a relatively small, spiral bound, 87 page pamphlet. It contains much useful information about what happens at a deposition, how to prepare yourself for a deposition, and answering the questions you will get at a deposition. It seems designed as an introductory guide for those who are either representing themselves or for those whose attorneys have not spent enough time explaining the process to them. This booklet should help calm your fears about the process. This guide is short enough that you can easily read it in an evening. It is written in plain English without the legal jargon. The author is a court reporter, not an attorney, but she clearly communicates a lot of basic information you need before going into a deposition.

Ms. Lathan's book does an excellent job of breaking down the "legaleeze" that is often used to intimidate the average person. Her book clearly explains what a deposition is and she even gives examples of famous depositions that most of us have heard about. She takes some of the mystery out of the experience and gives laymen valuable information that will allow you to go into court with more confidence and feeling less like a victim.

I have been an associate of Virginia's for some years in the writing world. Not only does she know the law, she is able to help readers understand in a clear, straightforward manner. Pick up this book if you have any concerns about your court date and I'm sure you'll be empowered!

If you want a quick, easy-to-follow introduction to the deposition process, this book does a very good job of that. I've recommended it to many of my clients, and they all found it to be a great primer for helping them understand what happens at depositions. The book even offers some strategies for helping witnesses get through cross-examination. It's compact enough to read in a day, yet the information it contains is so on point that it completely demystifies the entire deposition procedure. Its numerous examples and sample transcript make it a good bet for anyone having to

give a deposition. Nat Colley, retired attorney

The Deposition Handbook gave me all the information I needed. I was more than prepared because so many of the scenarios discussed in the Handbook came up during the deposition. Thank you, Ms. Lathan; your book was really helpful.

This was the worst investment I have made in a book in about 23 years. The author must have sold the first three editions to her 1) husband 2) boyfriend and 3) long lost friend who is now in jail for having testified according to the guidance provided in the book. Absolutely no substance, no useful information other than basic information from the 30,000 foot level. Please accept this review from someone who has given multiple depositions and read hundreds. Save your money or just email me and I will send you my copy. I am too embarrassed to return it to thereby admitting I did not read the prior reviews.

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