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Philip Voluck quoted in "5 Tips For A Disaster-Free Deposition," Law360

(April 29, 2014, 10:29 PM ET) — Witnesses shouldn't use depositions to try to win a case single-handedly, the thinking goes, but a gotcha moment caught on camera can thwart even the best-laid trial strategy. Successfully defending a deposition requires coaching clients to keep a level head, to stick to what they know and to admit wrongdoing if they have to, attorneys say.

While many witnesses are either so worried about sinking a litigation that they evade questions like the plague or so eager to defend themselves that they overreach, the best deponents recognize that their role is to speak only to facts that they have personal knowledge of.

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