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## Deposing a Willing Witness in Mexico City, Mexico

Mexico is a common locale for U.S. depositions and luckily one of the easier places to schedule a deposition. As a signatory to the Hague Evidence Convention, in general, you can depose willing witnesses without any special formalities or involvement of foreign courts.

Here is what the U.S. Department of State website has to say about taking depositions in Mexico <http://travel.state.gov/content/travel/english/legal-considerations/judicial/country/mexico.html>:

*Voluntary depositions may be conducted in Mexico regardless of the nationality of the witness, provided no compulsion is used. Oral depositions or depositions on written questions may be taken by U.S. consular officers or by private attorneys from the United States or Mexico at the U.S. Embassy, one of the*

*U.S. Consulates or at another location such as a hotel or office, either on notice or pursuant to a commission. If the services of a U.S. consular officer are required to administer an oath to the witness, interpreter and stenographer, such arrangements must be made in advance with the U.S. embassy directly.*

The golden rule that I always try to impress upon clients planning depositions abroad, is to be sure to plan as far in advance as possible. The further you plan ahead, the more likely it is that you'll be able to locate and book the right, Mexico-based professional for your deposition.

## **Have any questions?**

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