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London Calling: Taking Depositions in England

England is a popular locale for U.S. depositions and luckily it is one of the easiest 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 the official statement from the U.S. Department of State website about taking voluntary depositions of willing witnesses in England <http://travel.state.gov/content/travel/english/legal-considerations/judicial/country/united-kingdom.html>

Voluntary depositions of willing witnesses in civil and commercial matters are permitted regardless of the nationality of the witness. Oral depositions or depositions on written questions may be taken by U.S.

consular officers or by private attorneys at the U.S. Embassy 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.

While there are great professionals in England, they are in limited supply and can sometimes be booked up far into the future. Always try to plan your deposition in England 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, English-based professional for your deposition.

Have any questions?

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