



International Depositions – Court Reporters Administering The Oath

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One of the biggest hurdles court reporters have when traveling to foreign countries is being able to give the oath that puts a witness under penalty of perjury to tell the truth. The question is, what is an alternative to getting a commission or only having the deposition proceed at a USA Embassy (which is always the case in Japan)?

After much research I have found the “norm” is for the parties to stipulate that the USA court reporter will give the oath, and counsel will waive any objection to the testimony later based on the oath.

Attorneys stipulating to allowing the USA court reporter give the oath is an excellent way to save costs and time when setting up a deposition in a foreign country.



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