

Expert Witness from A to Z

From the Family Law Services Handbook

- A. Avoid **absolutes** like never, always, etc.-Use language like, "in my experience", or "It is my opinion that"...
- B. **Bulletproof** your reports.
- C. Display **class** and act as if in a class.
- D. Pay attention to **Detail**
- E. Know **elements**.
- F. Lay a **foundation**.
- G. Do not **GUESS**.
- H. Beware of **hypotheticals**.
- I. Do NOT **interrupt**.
- J. Do NOT use **jargon**.
- K. Be **Knowledgeable**
- L. Make no **legal** conclusions.
- M. **Missing** issues in report creates issues for you.
- N. Appear **NEUTRAL**
- O. Do no answer a question if there is an **objection** pending.
- P. Be **paranoid**
- Q. Be **quiet** after you answer the question
- R. **Respond** only to the question asked
- S. Keep it **simple**
- T. **Think** before you speak
- U. **Understand** the question
- V. Keep an even tone of **voice**.
- W. Display **wisdom**.
- X. Use **X-Ray** vision (See through the cross-examiner's motives)
- Y. Be **yourself**.
- Z. Display ethical **zeal**.