"PREPARING" THE WITNESS and

"DEFENDING" the DEPOSITION



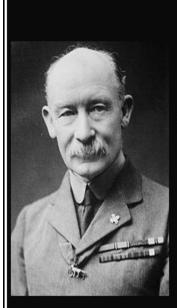


"I'm not a potted plant. I'm here as the lawyer. That's my job."

Brendan Sullivan to Senator Daniel Inouye, Chair,

Senate Select Committee on Secret Military Assistance to Iran and the Nicaraguan Opposition.

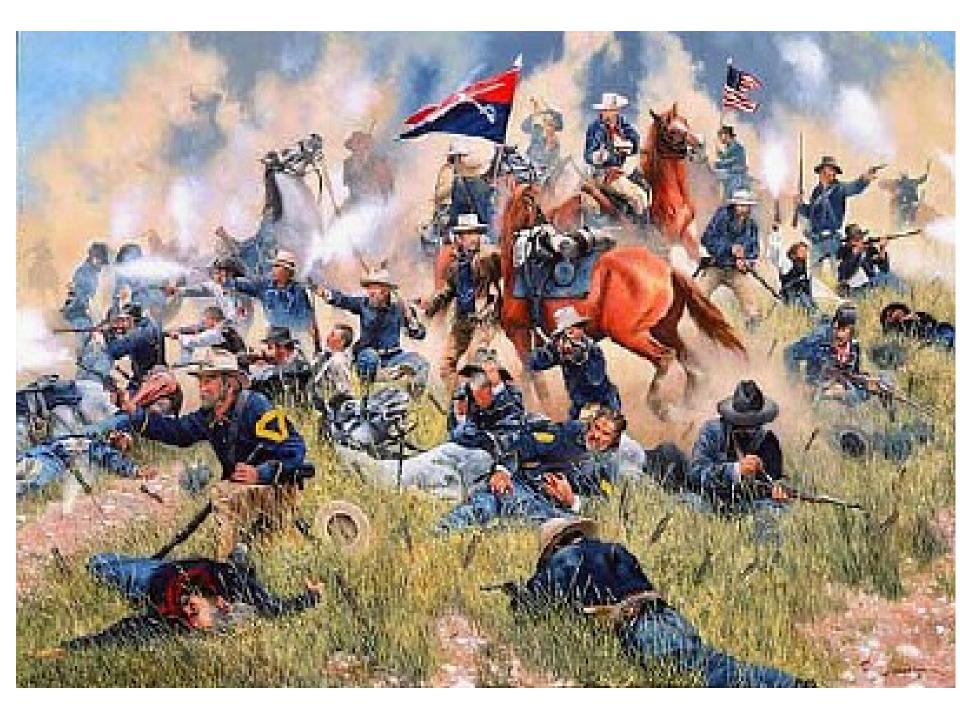


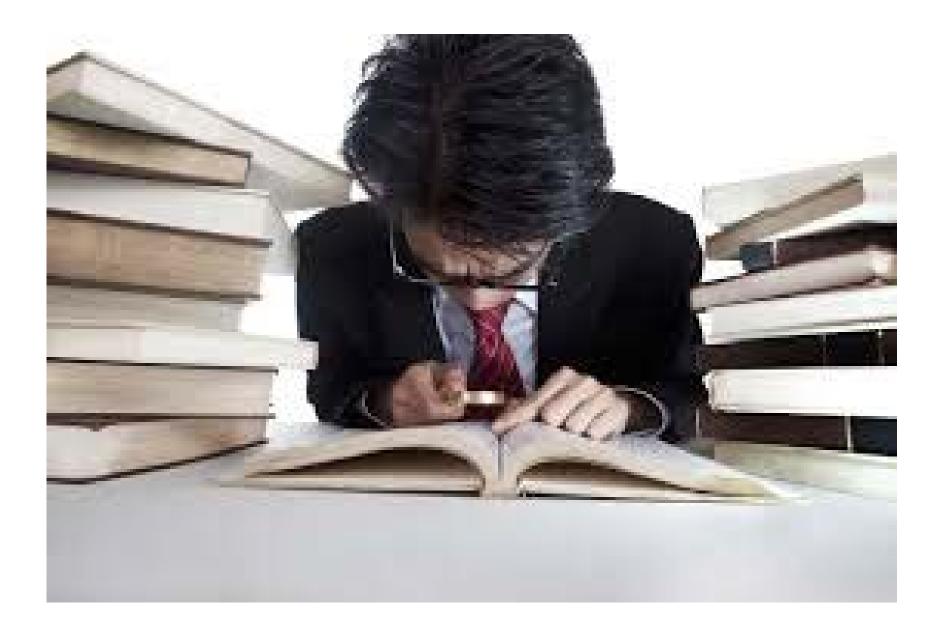


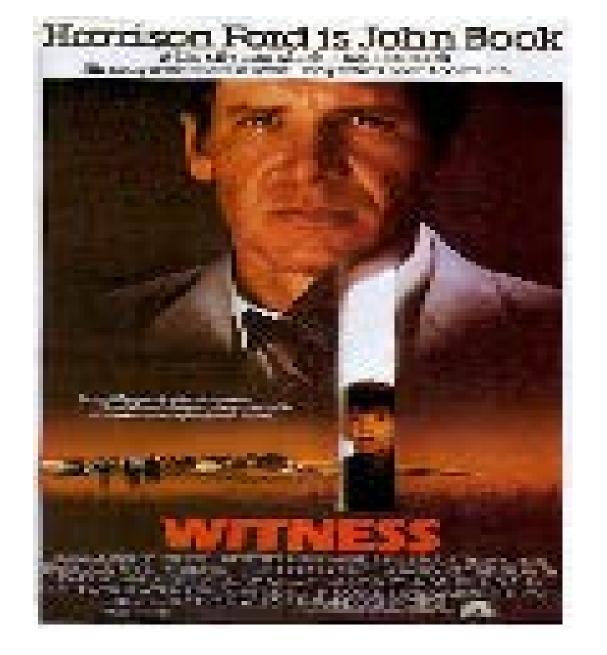
Be Prepared... the meaning of the motto is that a scout must prepare himself by previous thinking out and practicing how to act on any accident or emergency so that he is never taken by surprise.

(Robert Baden-Powell)

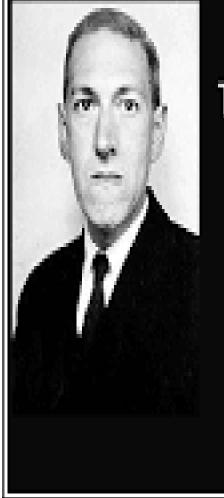
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The oldest and strongest emotion of mankind is fear, and the oldest and strongest kind of fear is fear of the unknown.

(H. P. Lovecraft)







P.R.E.P.

- Prepare
- Reassure
- Educate
- Practice



The witness had been doing so well at his deposition when suddenly...

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Reptile Theory & Other Strategies



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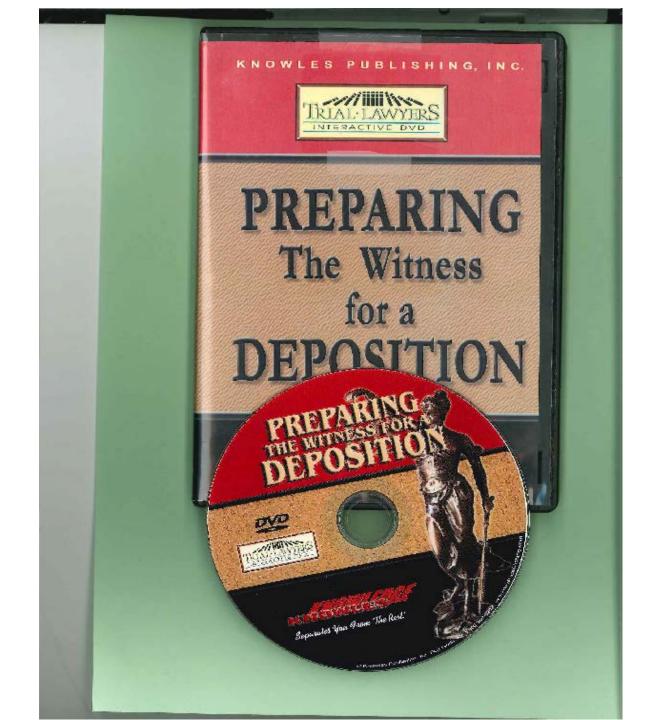
• Listen

Understand

• Think

• Express











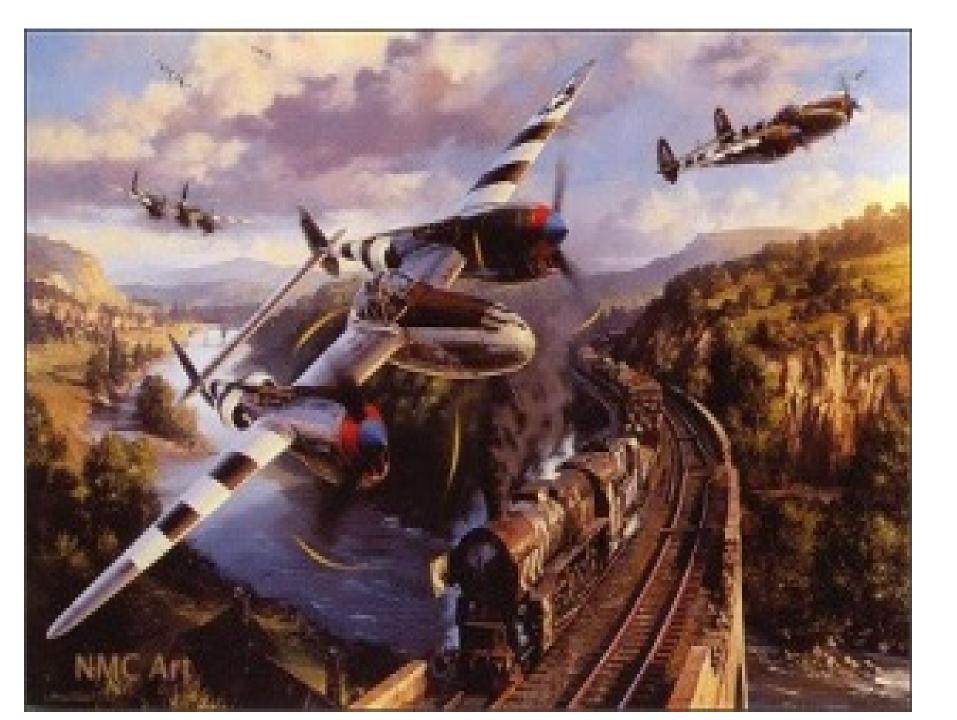


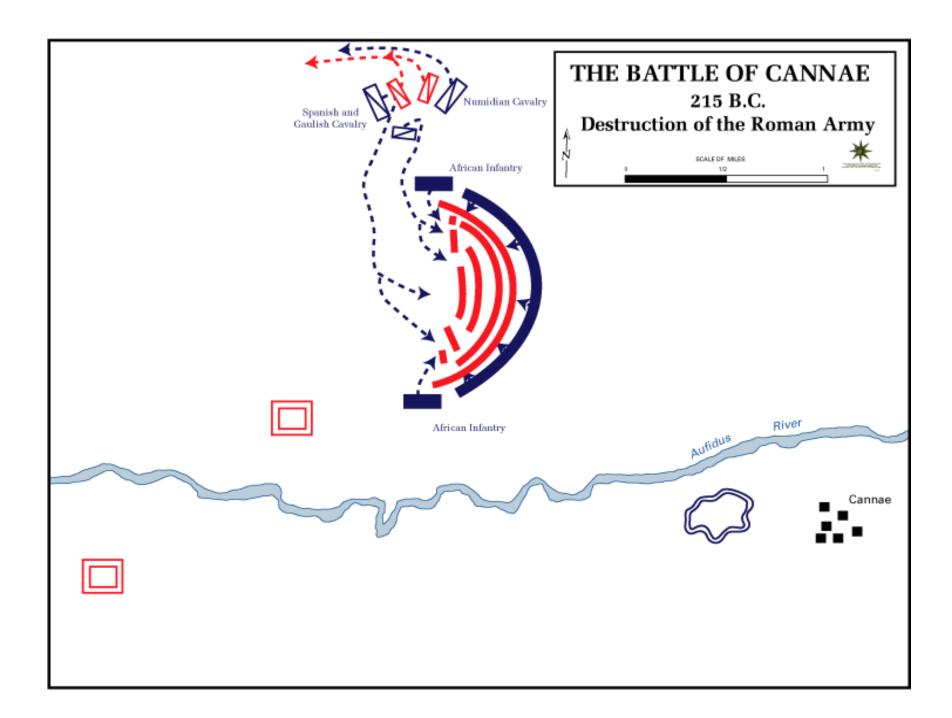
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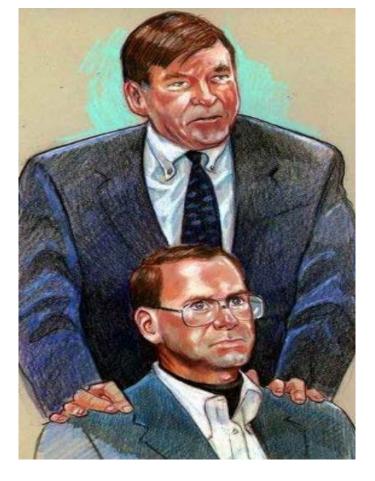




RULE 30(b)(6)

Notice or Subpoena Directed to an Organization.

In its notice or subpoena, a party may name as the deponent a public or private corporation, a partnership, an association, a governmental agency, or other entity and must describe with reasonable particularity the matters for examination. The named organization must then designate one or more officers, directors, or managing agents, or designate other persons who consent to testify on its behalf; and it may set out the matters on which each person designated will testify. A subpoena must advise a nonparty organization of its duty to make this designation. The persons designated must testify about information known or reasonably available to the organization. This paragraph (6) does not preclude a deposition by any other procedure allowed by these rules.



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