

Witness: What if I forget Ronnie's name again. My memory's not that great. Getting old.

Lawyer: I'll help if you forget his name. You'll say something like "Another co-worker was there but his name just momentarily escapes me." I'll say "Was it Ronnie Martinez" and you'll say "Yes." By the way, if you testify about getting old or about your memory going, you'll be shooting yourself in the foot. Keep your eye on the ball, okay?

Witness: Okay sorry, I won't say anything like that again.

(pp 89–90)

If the book has a weakness, it's a minor one. Israel's fondness for lists such as his "162 Essential Rules for Deponents" is alone amusing, but when the book contains 15 such lists, the approach loses some of its appeal.¹ Still, *Taking and Defending Depositions* contains invaluable advice unavailable anywhere else, and the fact that much of it appears in list format does not detract from its value. If you're like me, it's a book you'll find yourself returning to over and over again. ■



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ENDNOTE

- (1) (1) Seventeen Deposition Objectives; (2) Eight Ways to Use Depositions at Trial; (3) Twelve Ways to Discover Information Along With, or Instead of, Depositions; (4) Nine Advantages and Five Drawbacks of Depositions; (5) Twelve Deposition Principles, Mechanics, Strategies and Practices; (6) Nine Thoughts About Preparing, Organizing and Managing Discovery; (7) Thirteen Deposition Fundamentals to Discuss with Deponents; (8) Sixty-Three Suggestions for Taking Discovery Depositions; (9) Twenty-Two Suggestions for Preparing to Depose and Deposing Expert Witnesses; (10) Twelve Deposition Objection Types and When to Make Them; (11) Thirty-Two Objections to Correctable (?) Defects; (12) The Only Three (or Four) Reasons to Instruct the Deponent Not to Answer; (13) Six Reasons to Question Your Client at Deposition; (14) Five Reasons for Civility in Defending Depositions; and (15) Sixty-Seven Suggestions for Defending Discovery Depositions.



Meeting Directory

Lawyers and Judges Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous

The following list of meetings reflects the latest information about lawyers and judges AA and NA meetings. Those meetings marked with "*" are meetings that have been designated for lawyers, judges, and law students only. All other meetings are attended primarily by lawyers, judges, and law students, but also are attended by others seeking recovery. In addition, we have listed "Suggested Meetings," which others in recovery have recommended as being good meetings for those in the legal profession. For questions about any of the meetings listed, please contact the Lawyers and Judges Assistance Program at (800) 996-5522 or jclark@michbar.org.

Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings

*Monday 7:00 PM

Lawyers and Judges AA Meeting
St. Paul of the Cross
23333 Schoolcraft Rd.
(I-96 south service drive, just east of Telegraph Rd.)
Detroit
(This is both an AA and NA meeting.)

*Tuesday 7:30 PM

Lawyers and Judges AA Meeting
St. John's Episcopal Church
26998 Woodward Ave.
Royal Oak

*Wednesday 12:00 PM

First Presbyterian Church
321 W. South St., 3rd Floor, Room 301
Kalamazoo

*Wednesday 6:00 PM

Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian Church
1340 W. Long Lake Rd.
(1/2 mile west of Telegraph)
Bloomfield Hills

Wednesday 8:00 PM

Sense of Humor AA Meeting
Michigan State University Union
Lake Michigan Room
(S.E. corner of Abbot and Grand River Ave.)
East Lansing

*Thursday 4:00 PM

Al-Anon of Berrien County
4162 Red Arrow Highway
Stevensville

*Thursday 7:00 PM

Central Methodist Church
2nd Floor
(Corner of Capitol and Ottawa Streets)
Lansing

*Thursday 7:30 PM

Maple Grove
6773 W. Maple Rd.
Willingness Group Room 21
West Bloomfield Township

*Friday 12:00 PM

Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association
645 Griswold
3550 Penobscot Bldg., 13th Floor
Smart Detroit Global Board Room 2
Detroit

Gamblers Anonymous Meetings

For a list of meetings, visit <http://www.gamblersanonymous.org/mtgdirMI.html>. Please note that these meetings are not specifically for lawyers and judges.

Suggested Meetings

Tuesday 7:00 AM

Antioch Lutheran Church
33360 W. 13 Mile
(Corner of 13 Mile and Farmington Rd., use back/north entrance, basement)
Farmington Hills

Tuesday 12:05 PM

Professionals in Recovery
Human Potential Center
22 W. 2nd St.
Monroe

(Closed meeting; restricted to professionals who are addicted to drugs and/or alcohol)

Tuesday 6:00 PM

St. Aloysius Church Office
1232 Washington Blvd.
Detroit

Thursday 8:00 PM (also Sunday 8:00 PM)

Manresa Stag
1390 Quarton Rd.
Bloomfield Hills

Friday 8:00 PM

Rochester Presbyterian Church
1385 S. Adams
(South of Avon Rd.)
Rochester
(Closed meeting; men's group)

For anyone interested in starting an LJAA meeting in northern Michigan, please contact LJAP.

For other AA or NA meetings, see listings in your local phone book or call:
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