

ALABAMA

Comments from [Birmingham](#) area attorneys who attended "Great! Adverse Depositions: Principles and Principal Techniques" and/or "The 25 Credibility Arguments for Deposition and Trial"

The best I have attended. Informing, entertaining, effective. Musante's rules are far more effective. I think it will make the quality of my depositions significantly better.
Steven Benefield, 19-yr atty, Christian & Small

Great seminar... substantially better than others. Musante is fantastic.
Sara Ford, 19-yr atty, 80 depos, Lightfoot, Franklin & White

Very practical information. This set of depo rules are superior to mine; will vastly improve the quality of my depositions.
Steven C. R. Brown, 16-yr atty, 10 depos, Birmingham

Excellent food for thought. Musante has captured many concepts that years of trial and error teach and some new ones. Entertaining and engaging seminar...informative without being tiresome.
John M. Johnson, 22-yr atty, 400+ depos, Lightfoot, Franklin & White

Excellent and innovative. Drastically new outlook on depositions/trial and when to go for the golden nugget of testimony. Very helpful!
Michael Gregory, 5-yr atty, 60 depos, Sadler - Sullivan

A very informative seminar. Musante is very knowledgeable and very energetic. This seminar's rules are much more in depth than the rules I have employed.
Ronald Canty, 1 1/2-yr atty, 7 depos, Beasley, Allen, Crow, et al.

Will dramatically improve my depositions. Musante is very knowledgeable on the subject and does a good job of conveying the various aspects.
Thomas L. Carmichael, 4 1/2-yr atty, 10 depos, Carmichael & Duncan

Excellent practical content. Excellent instructor. Much better than other full-day seminars; makes much more sense. Tremendously helpful.
Susan Bennett, 19-yr atty, 5 depos, Anniston Army Depot

Very good; easily keeps your attention. Much more detailed on specifics of cross-examination. In addition, the illustrations given make the principles easily understood. If practiced correctly, this will improve the quality of my depositions.
Frederick Gilmore, 4-yr atty, 30 depos, Gilmore Law Office

Excellent seminar; more relevant than others.
Stewart Burns, 13-yr atty, 150+ depos, Burns Law Firm

Very thought-provoking. More comprehensive than other seminars. Will make me analyze and prepare more.

Linda W. H. Henderson, 19-yr atty, 20-30 depos, Tuskegee

Excellent practical content; great instructor. Very helpful. It will change the way I perform depositions.

4-yr atty, 10 depos

Extremely useful. Great instructor. Musante's rules are superior to those I've been using.

Scott Hetrick, 9-yr atty, 5 adverse depos, Adams & Reese, Mobile

Excellent instructor; very good practical content. Has given me a better deposition game plan.

Michael Hickman, 5-yr atty, 20 adverse depos, Taylor, Martino & Hedge, Mobile

Excellent seminar; superior to most others. Musante is an excellent communicator and educator...excellent examples. Very valuable, practical, commonsense, but often overlooked advice. My depos will be immensely better because I will not settle for interviewing witnesses, but instead will realize the importance of locking the witness into his/her testimony.

Sheila D. Isbell, Gadsden

Excellent practical content. Musante knows his stuff and explains it well. I will have to rethink the rules I've previously employed.

Matt Lamere, 16-yr atty, 25+ adverse depos, Dothan

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. Superior to other full-day litigation seminars.

21-yr atty, 200+ adverse depos, Wooten, Thornton, Carpenter & O'Brien, Talladega

Extremely valuable. Musante was interesting and thought-provoking.

Rebecca Patty, 13-yr atty, 50 adverse depos, AL Dept. of Environmental Management

Best seminar I've been to. Very useful. Held my attention and answered questions I was considering. Will improve the quality of my depos to a great extent.

Jonathan Raulston, 1-yr atty, 5 adverse depos, Engel, Hairston & Johanson, Birmingham

A very useful seminar, more so than most others. Put on quite professionally. Will provide me a game plan to assist me in depo preparation.

Mike Skotnicki, 10-yr atty, 30 adverse depos, Haskell, Slaughter, Young & Redicker, Birmingham

Invaluable. One of the best. Excellent practical content; excellent instructor.

William G. Stevens, 20-yr atty, Prattville

Head and shoulders above any other seminar I've ever been to. Turns what I knew, or what I thought I knew, on its head.

Robert J. Varley, 25-yr atty, 100s of adverse depos, Varley & Messer, Montgomery

Excellent. Better than others. Will have a substantial impact on the way I will approach depositions in the future.

9-yr atty, 30 adverse depos, Birmingham

Best I've been to. A great combination of academics and practicality! Good use of multimedia, good delivery, excellent use of real world examples.

George Worman, 20-yr atty, 10 adverse depos, Anniston Army Depot, Anniston

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. Much better than average. Should greatly improve the quality of my depositions.

Dent Morton, 15-yr atty, 300 depos, Burr & Forman, Birmingham

More directly related to nuts & bolts of important part of practice. Excellent practical content. 18-yr atty, Burr & Forman, Birmingham

Very practical/useful. Musante is excellent. Will improve my depositions immensely.

Tom Borton, 2-yr atty, Burr & Forman, Birmingham

Great seminar. Will be a great asset in the future to my litigation practice. After it was over, I wanted to take a deposition immediately.

Mitch Mudano, 2-yr atty, 20 depos, Burr & Forman, Birmingham

Excellent practical content. Much more practical to everyday practice than others. I practiced the opposite of all the rules Musante claimed were appropriate ... I will certainly be more attentive to deponent's responses from now on.

Michael Clemmer, 5-yr atty, 150 depos, Burr & Forman, Birmingham

Good practical topic that is not studied enough. Musante is great, very engaging.

5-yr atty, 30-40 depos, Burr & Forman, Birmingham

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. Crystallizes and reinforces where I've begun to evolve over the years, i.e., I've come to realize that during discovery I must proactively impose my argument of the case using the strongest, most descriptive and concise language that I can obtain.

Paul Cavender, 19-yr atty, 500 depos, Burr & Forman, Birmingham

Excellent seminar. Has given me a better organizational approach to adverse depositions. I will now focus more on trial in both taking and preparing for depositions.

3-yr atty, 10 depos, Burr & Forman, Birmingham

Better than most. Reaffirms what I'm doing right, provides an alternative approach to other areas, and some new and interesting ideas.

Joe Letzer, 28-yr atty, 100+ depos, Burr & Forman, Birmingham

Extremely helpful and informative. It's really a course on listening as much as on questioning, which is different than most depo seminars. Musante is excellent. I will be listening more closely from now on, and going for the jugular more often.

Martin E. Burke, 5-yr atty, 50 depos, Burr & Forman, Birmingham

An entertaining, informative and worthwhile seminar! Musante definitely caused me to rethink what I've done in my limited deposition experience and realize the many ways in which I can make my depositions more effective. The skills learned in this seminar will certainly help me take much more effective depositions.

Cathy Moore, 5-yr atty, 3 depos, Burr & Forman, Birmingham

Excellent practical content. Musante is very articulate. I will certainly ask more leading questions from here on, and cut down on the "what happened next?" questions.

Gary London, 24-yr atty, Burr & Forman, Birmingham

Excellent - I look forward to working on these techniques. Musante is very energetic and passionate about the subject, which held my interest. He emphasized the importance of listening to deponent's answers and cutting out the crap.

2-yr atty, 1 depo, Burr & Forman, Birmingham

Best seminar yet. Excellent instructor; very good practical content. I now have an increased awareness to ask leading questions, rather than asking open-ended questions.

Greg Burgess, 8-yr atty, 60 depos, Fees & Burgess

Excellent practical content. Excellent instructor.

Marty Marler, 10-yr atty, 15 adverse depos

A great practical advocate skills seminar. My awareness has been developed with regard to deposition and trial relationship. Musante is excellent, very committed.

John Barnett, 1-yr atty, 5 adverse depos

Far more interesting than other full-day litigation seminars. Good practical content; excellent instructor.

Pat Clotfelter, 24-yr atty, hundreds of adverse depos

The best! Excellent practical content. Excellent instructor.

Duncan Y. Manley, 38-yr atty, 100s of adverse depos

This is the most practical, useful seminar I have attended.

Steve Rowe, 7-yr atty

Best I have attended. Excellent practical content; superb instructor. Will help me to pin down deponents and obtain more clarity and specificity in my answers.

Joseph T. Simonetti, Jr., 21-yr atty, 100 adverse depos

Very insightful. Great instructor. Will make my depositions more of a discipline.

Rose Marie Allenstein, 3-yr atty, 20 adverse depos

Excellent practical content. I now feel prepared to deal with "crap."

Russell Gache, 5-yr atty

This has been as interesting and thought-provoking as any CLE seminar I have attended over the past 12 years. I thoroughly enjoyed Mr. Musante; his enthusiasm is truly contagious. The seminar taught specific ways to ask important questions and avoid common mistakes.
Angie Denton

Top notch! It opened my eyes to a whole new approach. Musante is compelling, holds interest and attention. More thought-provoking than other full-day litigation seminars.
Stan Davis, 4-yr atty, 5 adverse depositions

Excellent practical content; eye-opening. Musante is a gifted speaker, engaging, fast-paced and entertaining. Much more practical applicability than other seminars. Will be a radical change to my "battleship" technique.
Joan-Marie Kettell, 15-yr atty, 150-200 adverse depositions

Good! Now my work starts. Will improve the quality of my adverse depositions without a doubt.
Harry O. Yates, 4-yr atty, 3 adverse depositions

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor; excellent compared to other full-day litigation seminars. Will greatly improve my adverse depositions.
JB Clarke, 19-yr atty, 100s of adverse depositions

Very useful. Musante is engaging and competent. Superior compared to other seminars. I believe it will help enormously.
Anonymous, 9-yr atty

Much better than most. Enlightening content. Musante is superb. I will now place much more importance on proper preparation and examination.
Anonymous, 23-yr atty, 250+ adverse depositions

Fantastic! Top 1% of full-day litigation seminars.
Anonymous, 4-yr atty, 60+ adverse depositions

Excellent presentation; better than most I have attended. I better understand what I need to do and how to do it.
Anonymous, 27-yr atty

This seminar has changed my perception of depositions. It has given me direction to "coach" outside counsel representing my firm in matters in which I'm involved.
Anonymous

Comments from [Birmingham](#) area attorneys who attended "Attacking the Expert's Opinion" and/or "Attacking the Expert's Pedestal"

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. Will hopefully improve the quality of my adverse expert depositions a lot.
John A. BeBuys, 35-yr atty, "many" expert depositions, Burr & Forman

Very well presented; good tie-in to important and interesting cases. Musante is vibrant and prepared. I'm a new lawyer, but found the seminar informative and interesting.
Julie Jordan, Burr & Forman

Musante is interesting, dynamic; a down-to-earth presentation of well-organized material. Real-world clips of Simpson trial are very helpful in illustrating points. Other seminar attended was little more than a rehash of a few cases and presented none of the helpful advice and applications presented here. Musante makes a compelling case for a pattern that would be applicable to every expert opinion.
Julie Pittman, Burr & Forman

Best seminar in terms of teaching an organizing theory. Musante is excellent. Well able to keep attention and emphasize points. Very helpful outline. Will greatly improve the quality of my depositions. This will become the starting point in my expert preparation outline.
Ron Farley, 12 expert depositions, Burr & Forman

Excellent practical content. Excellent instructor. Excellent compared to other "expert" deposition seminars. Will make me go into more depth in deposition on the basis of experts' opinions.
Ross Forman, Burr & Forman

One of the best. Very valuable practical content; very effective instructor.
Joe Letzer, 100+ expert depositions, Burr & Forman

Very practical. Musante is excellent. Best information I've ever received about expert depositions, even after 20 years of practice.
Cathy Wright, dozens of expert depositions

Three times as good as any other "expert" seminar. Superior practical content; superior instructor.
Charles Robert Douglas Burns, Jr., 35-yr attorney, "many" expert depositions

Excellent practical content. Excellent instructor. Refreshing; will improve my expert depositions very much.
Charles C. Tatum, Jr., 40-50 expert depositions

Excellent! Gives a truly practical base on which to draw an excellent plan for taking a deposition -- especially when deposing an expert. Musante is excellent. Commendable how much material was covered ... and well-covered. Will improve my ability to take a 100% better deposition. Deposing an expert can be intimidating. This course simplifies cross-examining an expert and gives confidence and knowledge to examining an expert.

Joan Harris

Very useful; excellent instructor. Will significantly improve my expert depositions

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Russ Bozeman, 15 expert depositions

Logical. Too bad we don't get it in school or in our first years of practice. Musante is outstanding. He breaks it down so it makes perfect sense. No comparison to other seminars. Charlie Gaines, 80-100 expert depositions

Excellent practical content. Excellent instructor.

Duncan Y. Manley

Very informative about breaking away the gibberish in the (expert's) testimony to reach the details. Definitely stresses the need to listen and hear what (expert) witness is actually saying. Different from run of the mill ... quite exciting and attention-maintaining.

Anonymous

ARIZONA

Comments from [Phoenix](#) area attorneys who attended "Great! Adverse Depositions: Principles and Principal Techniques" and/or "The 25 Credibility Arguments for Deposition and Trial" "Great! Adverse Depositions: Principles and Principal Techniques"

This is the class every trial attorney/litigator should have been taught in law school. Excellent speaker...no war stories; just logic, reason, and excellent footage from real trials commonly recognized. The examples were well interspersed among the teaching points. Teaching us of the basics couldn't have been more interesting. This seminar will improve my depositions immeasurably...this was excellent tutelage in this rigorous discipline.

Michael Hrnicek, 1-yr atty, 50 adverse depositions

The best programs regarding depositions are Musante's. "A++".

Charles R. Sterbach, 24-yr atty, 24 adverse depositions

Among the most practical seminars I've attended. My general rule of thumb is that a seminar is worthwhile if I learn one practical tip. In this seminar, I learned several. Excellent speaker. Best seminar.

Robert Berk, 20-yr atty, 100+ adverse depositions

Excellent seminar...superb speaker. The BEST.

Jack Paul Leon, 46-yr atty, 300 adverse depositions

Very useful and user-friendly seminar. Excellent speaker. Best seminar in 25 years of practice in AZ for immediate practical application to practice.

Larry Condit, 30-yr atty, 50+ adverse depositions

Excellent seminar...this seminar is packed with tons of material with practical application. Musante is very good...interesting and entertaining. This seminar is among the best I have attended. This seminar will have a major impact on the way I take depositions.

Todd Williams, 5-yr atty, 15 adverse depositions

Excellent seminar...it has everyday application to my practice and approach to litigation.

Excellent speaker...entertaining, to the point, and informative. This seminar is superior to others...not laden with worthless war stories.

Mark Hyatt Tynan, 25-yr atty, "many" adverse depositions

The practical content of the seminar is immediately useful in bettering an attorney's ability to take a great adverse deposition. Musante is an excellent teacher and showman. I learned from and greatly enjoyed the seminar.

Anonymous

Excellent seminar. I'm glad I took part in it and learned the tactics of taking a killer adverse deposition early in my legal career...this seminar is well worth the time and expense of attending. Musante is intuitive, creative, entertaining and informative, all in one...understandable and effective.

Shaun White, 1-yr atty, 2 adverse depositions

Great--as a baby lawyer, makes me hungry to take a deposition. Excellent speaker...never boring.

Andrew Jacob, 1-yr atty

Excellent speaker. It is remarkable for one speaker to maintain the energy level and audience attention for a full day. This seminar is better than any I recall, except Irving Younger...this was

better substantively than Younger. This is one of the CLE seminars that have real application to litigation practice.

Dan Durrant, 30-yr atty, 50 adverse depositions

Excellent seminar...useful, practical. Very good speaker. The materials will help me practice, practice, practice...and will greatly improve my depositions skills.

Duke Fagan

Very good seminar...almost as good as his adverse expert depo seminar. Exceptional speaker. One of the best seminars I've attended.

Mark Rudolph, 20-yr atty, 100 adverse depositions

Excellent seminar...a 9 out of 10. Outstanding speaker...a 10 out of 10. Musante obviously enjoys the English language, and makes great use of audio/visual aids. The movie clips were very effective to drive home each point. This seminar kept my attention, which is always helpful and productive.

Kevin Chapman, Roberts Rowley Chapman, 12-yr atty, 25 adverse depositions

Terrific seminar...unconventional...refreshing. Outstanding speaker.

Charles Sterbach, 22-yr atty, 10 adverse depositions

Practical seminar content HIGH. Excellent speaker. I believe this seminar will greatly improve the quality once I have studied the written materials. I viewed the oral presentation as a highly interesting and effective way of making me want to study the written materials.

David Gallo, 19-yr atty, hundreds of depositions

Very helpful seminar that has material I can use now. Excellent teacher who has to go over a lot of material. This seminar is far better than other deposition seminars I have taken.

Roberto Pulver, 5-yr atty

Very practical seminar...very good speaker. I hope this seminar will make my depositions more effective for my clients by helping me focus on theory of the case and develop the same.

Michael Wolver, 15-yr atty, 20+ adverse depositions

One of the best seminars...as entertaining as Irving Younger, and more useful.

Ron G., 20-yr atty, 50+ adverse depositions

An incredibly useful and relevant seminar...superb speaker.

David Patton, 5-yr atty, 8 adverse depositions

Rapid fire seminar...excellent speaker. This seminar is by far better than anything the State Bar offers.

Mitzi Torri, 21-yr atty, 1 adverse deposition

Very useful tips...invaluable ideas. Musante is clear, animated. Sometimes the Powerpoint format tended to overwhelm the content.

Daniel Kaplan, 3-yr atty, 2 adverse depositions

Very informative seminar. I think that you've done an excellent job of providing a reasoned approach to taking a successful deposition. Musante is highly competent and has a mastery of the materials. I wish we could cover the material more slowly. This seminar is equal to or better than others.

Karl Gruse, 5-yr atty, 20 adverse depositions

Great seminar...great speaker...one of the best seminars I've attended.

Rebecca Salisbury, 7-yr atty, 5 adverse depositions

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. A seminar more useful and entertaining than others.

Anonymous, 9-yr atty, 50 adverse depositions

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker; very engaging. This seminar really met my need.

Michael Patterson, 1-yr atty, 6 adverse depositions

Very informative and practical seminar...already looking forward to my next depo! Musante is easy to follow...great, great, great. This seminar is exciting, informative, useful...top-notch...as exciting as CLE can get!

Eduard Goodman, 1-yr atty, 5 adverse depositions

Excellent seminar...great teacher...very impressive. This seminar will improve my deposition techniques, but I will also put more time in preparing for depositions.

Heather Miller, 3-yr atty, 20 adverse depositions

This seminar sounds great in theory, but not having followed Musante's advice, I don't know how well they [practical content] will work in practice. Musante is effective and entertaining, but one must keep up with him. This seminar is much better than most.

Jeff King, 17-yr atty, 100+ adverse depositions

The practical content of this seminar has been quite good. The theoretical construct that Robert teaches will help me going forward. Excellent speaker...a little rushed. This seminar is clearly the best I've attended.

Taylor Young, 5-yr atty, 3 adverse depositions

Extremely useful seminar...fresh material...effective. Superb speaker. Best seminar since Irving Younger. I am going to completely rework the outlining I have used for years.

Ron Greenhalgh, 30-yr atty, 50+ adverse depositions

Great seminar...great speaker. This seminar is much better than others...first one I haven't slept through. (I will be attending the two day expert seminar if it is offered...it's worth my time.)

Anonymous, 5-yr atty

Practical content = "8"; speaker's teaching ability = "9".

John Storer, 25-yr atty, 400+ adverse depositions

Very helpful seminar. Musante keeps it interesting and has useful insight into deposition practice. One of the best seminars I have ever taken. (Two day seminars are good...we have them all the time in Texas.)

Luke Kellogg, 15-yr atty, 40 adverse depositions

Best depo seminar I have attended. Musante kept my attention throughout.

N.J. Cornelius, 4-yr atty, 15 adverse depositions

Great seminar! Excellent practical content; very helpful in thinking about how to craft effective questions. Musante is enjoyable and interesting. This is a major improvement over the limited training I had in law school.

Peter Culp

Best seminar I have taken all year. Leagues beyond anything I've done before. Excellent practical content. Musante is extremely engaging with riveting teaching style.

6-yr atty, 30 adverse depositions

Excellent content which I can apply to my practice immediately. Musante is very entertaining, kept me focused and interested. This seminar will help to make me a better litigator overall, with tools I can apply to areas of my practice other than just adverse depositions.

Heather Bohnke, 2-yr atty, 10 adverse depos

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. More lively than most. An excellent reminder that depositions should not be taken without a thorough knowledge of applicable facts and law and careful analysis of why you are deposing this witness.

Ron Rubin, 25-yr atty, 50+ adverse depos

Great! Much more practical info than other seminars. It put into perspective the real purpose for an adverse depo and how to achieve it.

Sally Shanley, 15-yr atty, 30+ adverse depos

Better than others. Musante is very clear and to the point. Powerpoints and case issues leave it fun and interesting.

Margaret Khalil, 11-yr atty, 100+ adverse depos

Excellent! I will never again withhold impeachment evidence. Superior, well-focused material and no B.S. delivery. The heart and soul of depos is revealed.

Peter O'Connor, 2-yr atty, 10 adverse depos

This seminar deals with the "meat and potatoes" of litigation practice. Mr. Musante gets the material across in a way that's understandable and entertaining. I wanted information on how to improve my ability to take adverse depositions and Musante delivered.

Pete Fisher, 22-yr atty, 100s of adverse depos

Excellent. Glad I heard it early in my career! Good use of humor and powerpoint.

Joshua Carden, 1-yr atty, 3 adverse depos

Outstanding! Excellent practical content.

Stephen B. White, 15-yr atty, 100 adverse depos

Extremely practical. Too short! This seminar makes me excited to take an adverse deposition.

Sandy Padegimas, 15-yr atty, 30 adverse depos

Content directly on point with interesting examples. I've used a lot of Musante's rules, but thought I was "breaking the rules." Now, I'll feel more confident using them. This seminar will help me get to that "next level" of taking depositions beyond fact-finding.

Stacie Robb, 4-yr atty, 50+ adverse depos

Excellent and entertaining; kept my interest all day.
30-yr atty, 500 adverse depos

Exceeds all other seminars. Makes my previous rules look silly.
Kent Phelps, 6-yr atty, 100+ adverse depos

Excellent seminar. Would love to see more. Mr. Musante doesn't pull any punches. Material is excellent. Top of my list compared to other CLEs. I learned so much: rules, techniques, terms, etc. I learned more today than in the past four years re depositions. This seminar had it all. Really wish I had had it 2 years ago.
Brenda Lindsey, 4-yr atty, 3 adverse depos

Far higher value than any other seminar that I have attended. Universality of rules versus the usual happy talk drivell. Very, very good practical content.. Codifies many things I knew, gave me much more to use.
George H. King, 9-yr atty, 40 adverse depos

Fantastic! I am a better lawyer for it. Musante is A+++.
Tom Baird, 5-yr atty

Excellent. Musante is excellent; maintains attention, communicates effectively. Far superior to other one-day seminars. I never fail to learn something new even after 30 years of litigation.
Michael G. Helms, 30-yr atty, 300-500 adverse depos

Unsurpassed. Musante is riveting. Best one-day seminar I've been to. Made me realize that every deposition I've taken, I've taken poorly.
J. Ridge Hicks, 4-yr atty, 25 adverse depos

Excellent practical content. Musante is very good; kept me engaged. There is no comparison between this and other seminars.
John West, 22-yr atty, 400+ adverse depos

Extremely helpful practical content. Musante is a very able instructor. This seminar is much more informative and insightful than other one-day litigation-skills seminars.
Douglas E. Lau, 1-yr atty, 5 adverse depos

Excellent! Musante was very entertaining and motivational. More challenging than other like seminars.

Jim O'Denkirk, 10-yr atty

This is an excellent seminar that teaches you to be aware of what is actually happening, or should be happening, during a deposition. Musante held my attention for every minute of the day. My "set of rules" would have been much different, and very wrong!

Melanie Pate, 5+-yr atty, 7 adverse depos

Better than many others I've attended. Excellent practical content. Musante is very energetic and entertaining. A fun way to learn.

Mary-Jane Gregory, 15-yr atty

Excellent. Musante was excellent. I hope I can employ this in practice.

Anna Bronnenkant, 3 yrs litigation

As good as it gets! Excellent practical content; excellent instructor.

10+-yr atty, 10 adverse depos

Great value for time spent. I've learned things/techniques that will be very helpful in future depos. Musante's style is interesting, keeps my attention. Seminar was very practical and applicable.

12-yr atty, 20 adverse depos

Outstanding compared to others. Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. Musante satisfied his "burden of proof." I am rethinking my strategies!

Jeff Cantrell, 5-yr atty

Excellent practical content. It moves along briskly and concentrates on only one area, unlike other seminars. Musante was excellent. Reminded me of concepts I think I knew, but put in an organized and forceful fashion.

Ward Parker, 20+-yr atty, 50+ adverse depos

Very helpful practical content. As a criminal prosecutor, I was interested in knowledge that I could apply during cross-examination. I wasn't disappointed.

J.D. Nielsen, 15-yr atty, 30-40 adverse depos

This seminar was informative and fun. I enjoyed all of the real-life examples. Very good practical content and Musante was excellent.

Robbin Coulon, 16-yr atty, 20 adverse depos

Very practical. Great real world examples. Excellent practical content; excellent instructor.

5 1/2 yr atty, 100 adverse depos

Very good practical content. Very good instructor. Better than most one-day seminars.

Ron Aschenbach, 10 yr atty

Excellent; best seminar I have attended. Excellent instructor. Much more relevant and practical information. Not general how-to, but actual application.

Greg Coulter, 7-yr atty, 50 adverse depos

The practical information provided in this seminar is invaluable and greater in substance and quality than most other seminars I have attended. Excellent practical content. Musante is articulate, animated; overall excellent teaching skills and presentation style.

Michael J. Ryan, 8-yr atty, 200+ adverse depos

Superb, leaves the rest in the dust. Instructor is "5 star". Totally different [set of deposition rules] but it's going to all my associates.

John Elardo, 6-yr atty, several hundred adverse depos

More valuable than usual...the practical skills learned I actually see myself using. Musante very good. Sense of humor kept my attention. Very lively speaker.

Kim Tryon, 1-yr atty, 15-20 adverse depos

I'm glad I took this seminar early in my career to start off doing it right. Musante has great teaching ability. This is the first CLE that actually increased my skills.

Kris Bailey, 1-yr atty

I would recommend this seminar to anyone. Excellent practical content and applicable to real-life practice. Musante is energetic and effective and convince me of the truth of his claims. I am much more willing now to abandon the conventional depo approaches.

Karen Treon, 8-yr atty

The best - truly a practical seminar. While sitting here, I figured out a great way to nail an adverse witness in my arbitration next Monday! Outstanding practical content. Outstanding instructor.

Brett M. Hager, 2-yr atty, 4 adverse depositions

Excellent. Very informative and will be useful in my practice both in depositions and at trial. Excellent practical content. Most seminars are not useful but this one is practical and has things I can incorporate. Musante is great. Conveys the subject matter very well.

2-yr atty, 20-30 adverse depositions

Very informative "how-to" format works well for young lawyers. Musante knows the material and does a good job of simplifying concepts. More practical than other seminars I've attended. Eye-opening in terms of opening the doors to a more effective way of taking a depo.

David L. Lockhart, 1-yr atty, 6 adverse depositions

Excellent practical content. Very good instructor. Only seminar I've stayed all day for. (Usually I leave at the "7th inning stretch".) I didn't have a set of rules before this; now I have one.

Ann Hobart, 2-yr atty, 5 adverse depositions

Very good for many aspects of depo-taking. Musante is excellent. This seminar is among the best that I've taken. The seminar's set of rules are more combative, but probably more helpful.

Jeff Molinar, 3-yr atty

Very valuable seminar. Mr. Musante is extremely energetic and transforms otherwise dry material into an enlightening, educational experience. It is on par with the best seminars I have attended. I believe the majority of the methods taught are matters of common sense and applied by most experienced attorneys. However, this seminar reinforces new ways of thinking about those tactics in a manner geared toward maximizing results. This is a great seminar!

Michael Walker, 9-yr atty, 200+ adverse depositions

One of the best practical seminars I've attended. Very good practical content.

20-yr atty, 200-300 adverse depositions

Top rate! Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. A great learning experience.

25-yr atty, 150 adverse depositions

This seminar was very helpful to me as an inexperienced attorney in that it taught me what skills I needed to learn in order to conduct a successful adverse deposition. Mr. Musante was extremely effective in teaching his rules for adverse depositions. He captured the attention of

and connected well with the audience. My "rules" would not have even resembled the rules I've learned from this seminar.

Jennifer Pollock, 3-yr atty

Superior compared to other CLEs. Excellent practical content. Musante was very well prepared. Good use of graphics and video. Some of my "rules" were similar. Some things are intuitive, but it is useful to have these instincts packaged together and individually analyzed.

13-yr atty, 100+ adverse depositions

Very good, thoughtful, original structure. Musante is very good -- clear, entertaining, like a trial summation in hammering home a few important points. There is an approach here that looks very valuable and important.

15-yr atty, 15 adverse depositions

Superior. I don't have a defined list of rules. I've always operated with undefined list, instinct mostly, responding to answers as I hear them. Now I have a list and strategies upon which to rely.

14-yr atty, 7 adverse depositions

Ranks among the best I've taken. Musante is outstanding, both informative and entertaining.

24-yr atty, 100 adverse depositions

Excellent seminar. One of the best. Excellent instructor.

9-yr atty

This seminar was excellent -- explained depositions to "criminal" attorney not experienced with depositions. Musante was great and entertaining. I've nodded off in many seminars on this topic, but this one is "+++" compared to others.

15-yr atty

A very practical and useful seminar. It is one of the most useful CLEs I have ever been to.

Excellent teacher.

Ben Himmelstein, 2-yr atty, 5 adverse depositions

Tremendous seminar...top notch speaker. Off the charts better than other seminars.

Loren Molerer, 24-yr atty, 100 adverse depositions

Very well organized seminar. Impressed with the organization and insightfulness of materials and presentation. GREAT! speaker. Very entertaining, knowledgeable and witty...loved the integration of real cases and video taped questioning. A far superior seminar.
Arturo Villarreal, 12-yr atty, 20-50 adverse depositions

Excellent seminar! Provides techniques that I can easily apply to my deposition practice. The examples provided were very helpful to solidify the techniques. An amazing speaker. Very sharp and funny. Kept my attention.
Chad Conelly

An extremely focused seminar. Musante is very easy to follow...entertaining and stimulating. The seminar is higher quality and more pinpointed than others. Very specific guidance and direction is given for better deposition practice.
Howard Meyers, 27-yr atty, 150 adverse depositions

An unmatched seminar...excellent speaker. No comparison to other seminars...it is the best.
Charles Sterbach, 24-yr atty, 10 adverse depositions

Excellent practical content. Excellent instructor. One of the best I have attended.
8-yr atty, 20+ adverse depositions

Very informative and entertaining. Musante is dynamic and well-versed with information.
8-yr atty, 50+ adverse depositions

Entertaining, energetic, good use of examples, solid support for rules. One of the most practical seminars I've been to. Practical guides I can use tomorrow morning.
15-yr atty, 50 adverse depositions

Good show! Extremely practical and excellent instructor. Much better than other full-day seminars.
Anonymous

This is the best seminar I have attended. Musante is excellent. Very useful practical content.
1-yr atty, 1 adverse deposition

Excellent, intelligent and entertaining. Musante is fabulous. Much more practical, hands-on approach than other seminars.
1-yr atty

"The 25 Credibility Arguments for Deposition and Trial"

This seminar is in a class by itself. Outstanding. Musante is without equal--high energy, entertaining, thought-provoking. He's clearly spent a lot of time developing and honing the presentation. His video clips perfectly illustrate his teaching points. Musante's art is not necessarily teaching experienced attorneys things they might not have already stumbled upon but it gives the techniques labels, structure, and logic to insure they can use them with intention every time.

Cathy Stewart, 21-yr atty, 150 adverse depos

The seminar is very helpful because it is comprehensive and well-organized. Musante is very good. There is some stuff he puts on the screen that is not in the written material, and he doesn't give enough time to write it down. The video clips were very helpful; I'm a big believer in story-telling as a teaching tool.

Jeffrey Patten, 20-yr atty, 500 adverse depos

Great stuff...very interesting seminar. Top-notch speaker. The video helped illuminate the points...more video!! This seminar will improve the quality of my depos 100 percent.

Eduard Goodman, 1-yr atty, 5 adverse depos

Excellent seminar...very good speaker. He should supply written materials that are more complete. This seminar will improve my cross-exam at deposition, change my philosophy--impeach fully, completely, and powerfully in the deposition. I will recommend this seminar to others...I plan to attend the two days on Experts in Houston.

Duke Fagan, 4-yr atty, 10-15 adverse depos

Great seminar, but not as good as yesterday (but I quibble). Superb speaker. Excellent video clips. Good integration between building on the Logic & Whack concepts yesterday and today's seminar.

Ron Greenhalgh, 30-yr atty, 50+ adverse depos

Extremely helpful seminar to lawyers at every level of experience. Outstanding speaker. This seminar will make a significant difference in all my future depositions; will force me to be more thorough. This seminar is a logical extension of "Logic & Whack".

Charles Sterbach, 22-yr atty, 10 adverse depos

Great seminar! Great speaker!

Larry Condit, 30-yr atty, 50+ adverse depos

Excellent speaker...would modify written materials...would include a few of the Powerpoints into materials.

David Gallo, 20-yr atty, hundreds of adverse depositions

Useful seminar...good speaker.

Jim Bradley, 30-yr atty, 50+ adverse depositions

Very good speaker. Musante is an excellent teacher...communicates clearly...makes it [the material] interesting.

Taylor Young, 5-yr atty, 3 adverse depositions

Very good practical content...not quite as "radical" as "Logic & Whack". Excellent speaker. Videos kept things lively. The seminar will help reinforce and expand my deposition practice.

Luke Kellogg, 15-yr atty, 40 adverse depositions

Good seminar...the idea of a real case (OJ Simpson) to illustrate the practical content of the seminar is a good one. Musante is a good teacher...it is a nice effort at organizing how to approach a deposition.

Anonymous, 7-yr atty, 50 adverse depositions

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. Simpson examples were good. Volume of information is somewhat overwhelming.

Anonymous, 12-yr atty, 5 adverse depositions

This was a very useful seminar that I can apply to my practice. Musante does a very good job of taking the material and showing "real world" situations and applications. I thought the OJ Simpson clips illustrated several of the credibility arguments. I believe the seminar will sharpen my use of rhetoric and logic in my depositions. The two seminars (Logic & Whack and 25 Credibility Arguments) dovetail nicely.

Roberto Pulver, 5-yr atty

The seminar seems to have direct application to everyday deposition-taking and provides insight for defending. Very good speaker.

Michael Wolver, 15-yr atty, 20+ adverse depositions

Excellent seminar...superior speaker. Absolutely the best seminar.

Anonymous

I enjoyed the logical approach to taking an adverse deposition. Musante was well-prepared with excellent grasp of knowledge on the topic.

David Gordon, 5-yr atty, 10+ adverse depos

Fabulous seminar. Hands down, one of the two best teachers of legal concepts I have ever heard. The other was my law professor, Tom Mauet. The videos added a lot...and the OJ instruction was well worth the time invested.

Anonymous

The practicality of this seminar is essential to any successful modern day litigator. Should be fit into law school curriculum. Fast-paced seminar...must really be on top of your game to digest the material. Great talking points; keeps the seminar lively.

Shaun White, 1-yr atty, 2 adverse depos

Comments from [Tucson](#) area attorneys who attended "Great! Adverse Depositions: Principles and Principal Techniques" and/or "The 25 Credibility Arguments for Deposition and Trial"

"Great! Adverse Depositions: Principles and Principal Techniques"

This seminar came highly recommended by several members of the AZ Trial Lawyers Association. The seminar effectively countered several misconceptions for handling an effective deposition. Musante is eloquent and does a good job communicating and supporting his strategy.

Jonathan Osteen, 1-yr atty, 2 adverse depos

Excellent information...Musante is engaging and interesting to listen to. I certainly gained more info and new techniques today than I have in any other seminar the past few years. The video clips were clear illustrations of the vagueness of statements and, regarding depositions, asking techniques. I have learned volumes today...thank you!

Angela Trueblood, 7-yr atty, 200+ adverse depos

A very practical seminar...will use your strategies in future depos. Best seminar...very thorough!

Steve Young, 4-yr atty, 25 adverse depos

Excellent seminar ... I needed this seminar 40 years ago when I took my first deposition.

Excellent speaker.

Stan Lehman, 40-yr atty, 25+ adverse depos

An entertaining and highly knowledgeable speaker ... Musante conveyed the concepts of "disciplined depos" effectively.

Gerald Piccirilli, 21-yr atty, 200 adverse depos

One of, if not the best, depo seminars...others are usually worthless.
Anonymous, 28-yr atty, 100s of adverse depos

"The 25 Credibility Arguments for Deposition and Trial"

These seminar topics seem to be universally applicable to all deponents. Musante is an excellent speaker...very captivating! These techniques, with practice, will definitely help me to improve and fine tune my cross-exam skills.

Angela Trueblood, 7-yr atty, 200+ adverse depos

Practical content is very thorough and useful. Great speaker.
Steve Young, 4-yr atty, 25 adverse depos

The best, most logical, irrefutably comprehensive approach to this subject...period. An invaluable synthesis and organizational scheme. A+++!
Anonymous, 15-yr atty, 100 adverse depos

Excellent seminar...high energy speaker. Great material.
Larry Rosenthal, 30-yr atty, 100 adverse depos

Comments from [Phoenix](#) area attorneys who attended "Attacking the Expert's Opinion" and/or "Attacking the Expert's Pedestal"

The best. Outstanding practical content. Musante is superb. He breaks down the complexities of expert depos to their fundamental constituents. I'm convinced this is the penultimate theory for every adverse expert.

David M. Patton, 2 expert depos, Patton Law Practice

Musante is brilliant. He has taken material that is critical to trial practice and made it interesting and entertaining.

Carolyn Holden, 30 expert depos, Holden & Armer

Excellent seminar, as always. Musante is top-notch. This is the most useful and entertaining seminar I've ever attended. It made me reconsider a lot of misconceptions; hopefully, I'll be more effective at getting experts pinned down.

Steve Vidmar, 100+ expert depos

The seminar was informative and reinforces a willingness not to question our common sense. Musante is excellent. This seminar is much better than Arizona and MCBA seminars.
Tim Ryan, 50 expert depositions

Excellent seminar content, very practical. Musante is a natural born teacher. This is the best expert deposition seminar I've taken.
Norman Hall

Very good seminar...interesting formulaic approach that considers all relevant factors of an expert depo. Musante's self-deprecating sense of humor is a nice balance to informative tutorial. And being funny is a great reinforcement of the message.
Anonymous, 50 expert depositions

The seminar was very well organized and presented; will be useful in my practice, both in depositions and at trial. Musante is very engaging, entertaining and motivating. Excellent. This seminar is the best ever attended on any topic.
Anonymous, 50 expert depositions

Excellent seminar...very, very good speaker. The result would be better if he would publish all of the Powerpoint pictures so participants could study beforehand. This seminar is better than others...I believe he is really on to the secret.
Anonymous, 20 expert depositions

Musante's a "9 out of 10". He's great at driving principles and teaching successful application.
Michael Hrnicek, 17 expert depositions

Excellent seminar. It provides a complete road map from initial preparation through the use of techniques at trial. Musante has good energy...keeps you awake and interested. My expert depositions will never be the same. They will be much more thorough and I will have greater confidence.
Russell Yurk

There is a lot of good practical info in this program. Musante is lively and creative...awesome Powerpoint presentation. This seminar will have a marked impact in a positive manner on my expert depositions.
Ralph Strebel, 2 expert depositions

An informative seminar...very good teacher...he keeps the presentation interesting. Other seminars concentrate more on "handling the expert". This seminar focused on getting the expert to set forth his opinions and then picking apart the structure/foundation of the opinion. They are both valuable.

Serena Montague, 25 expert depositions

Excellent practical content; will try to use it in the future. Musante is excellent and well-practiced.

William J. Wolf, 10 expert depositions

This is the most practical CLE I have ever attended. I will be able to go into a deposition of an expert with a general outline of questioning already established.

Douglas Dieker, 5-7 expert depositions, Dieker & Voightmann, PC

Great practical content! Great instructor! No comparison to other "expert" seminars.

Larry Condit, 20-30 expert depositions

Finally, a seminar that is educational, engaging and useful. Musante is excellent. I look forward to using what I learned.

Steve German, 40 expert depositions, Adelman German, PLC

Excellent for litigators and trial attorneys. Musante is excellent, among the best teachers of any CLE I've attended.

Roger Decker, 20 adverse depositions, Udall, Shumway, & Lyons

Second to none. I can already see the methodology's utility in depositions that will be taken in the next 60 days.

Chris Stuart

More useful than most trial practice seminars I have attended. As a teacher myself, I both enjoyed and appreciated the quality of the instruction.

Randall Douglas, 100+ expert depositions

One of the best I've attended. Musante is outstanding.

Paul S. Gerding, 50 expert depositions

Excellent. I often doze off in lectures ... no chance here!

Andrew S. Jacob

Outstanding. Musante is passionate, articulate, energetic and entertaining. While experienced attorneys may already have "lucked into" this method of cross-examining adverse experts, Musante gives it a name with a logical outline to make it a conscious practice.

Catherine M. Stewart

Excellent practical content. Musante is funny and energetic.

Bill Sandweg, 500+ expert depositions, Robbins & Green, PC

Superior to all I have attended. Very important to litigators. Puts into words what we should do intuitively. Musante is outstanding. Very logical thought process.

Duane Olson, 1000+ expert depositions

Has great value because it is applicable to all types of cases. Will significantly improve the quality of my adverse expert depositions ... I will think about crafting risk to the expert with my questions.

Pete Fisher, "scores" of expert depositions

Excellent practical content.

Steve Wheelless, 20 expert depositions

Very helpful, practical and methodical approach. Excellent instructor.

R. Neil Miller

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor.

Anonymous, 40-60 expert depositions

Excellent educationally -- very entertaining at the same time.

Anonymous, 100s of expert depositions

Many concepts that I can think about and will apply in my first expert deposition. Excellent training. Musante is excellent. By attending this seminar, I know I will at least have a plan of attack.

Anonymous

This is one of the best! Excellent practical content; some great ideas that can be put to use. Musante has put a lot of effort into an effective presentation. The opinion chart is a very logical construct.

Anonymous, 200+ expert depos

Head and shoulders above the others! Informative, pragmatic, applicable to practice. Musante is imaginative, creative, varies presentation, energetic and comfortable with the material. Takes away the sting --the fear-- that I will miss something important that I need to nail the expert.

Anonymous

Very entertaining seminar, but even better, it was packed with practical examples I can easily put to use. Much more practical than any other "expert" seminar.

Anonymous, 40+ expert depos

This was great. Musante is excellent.

Anonymous

Excellent, high energy, entertaining and informative.

Anonymous, 30 expert depos

Excellent ideas; strong, strategical recommendations. Musante has a thorough knowledge of the subject matter.

Anonymous

Excellent practical content. Musante is excellent!

Anonymous, 5 expert depos

Extremely useful. This seminar will certainly help me prepare for my 1st depo. Much more useful and practical than most CLE seminars. Musante keeps you interested throughout.

Jeff Kilmark

Fantastic. Very useful. Musante blends a high caliber of knowledge in a very enjoyable and interesting setting.

Michael Ludwig, 10 expert depos

Excellent practical content. Excellent instructor. This was even better than Musante's seminar on deposing adverse witnesses and better than any other seminar I've attended outside of Brown & Bain.

Anonymous

Interesting, informative and entertaining. Good teacher. Overall informative and helpful.
Anonymous

As a new attorney, I found the information deceptively simple. Having now spoken to more experienced attorneys, I now appreciate the fact that the instructor was able to synthesize some very complex material into a concise presentation. The "opinion attacks" were especially useful. I think if I had viewed the adverse expert's testimony without the benefit of the instructor's analysis, I would not have appreciated the vulnerabilities of his opinions.
Anonymous

Very useful practical content. Above average seminar. Best part of the seminar was the discussion of "Opinion attacks".
Anonymous, 20+ expert depositions

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. Use of humor and examples good teaching, too! Appropriate pace; mental breaks provided by graphics, quotes.
Anonymous, 20 expert depositions

Excellent in theory and practical tips! Fast-paced but I find that it keeps one interested. Really one of the best seminars I've been to in recent years.
Victoria Mangiapane, 1 expert deposition

Excellent. Musante posits a method that looks very useful. He is excellent, funny, engaging, well-organized and rehearsed. Better than others because it introduces a well-thought-out, comprehensive approach. Tremendous use of testimony. The examples chosen exhibit a huge amount of work and great perception. The examples make the course because they are vivid and easy to remember.
Anonymous, 5 expert depositions

Excellent practical content. Excellent instructor.
Anonymous, 100 expert depositions

Excellent seminar. There was a lot of info conveyed in a short period of time. Great "Opinion" attacks.
Robbin Coulon, 6 expert depositions

Very useful content to my practice. This seminar is much better than most. Mr. Musante gave an excellent presentation and gave invaluable information. The seminar was worthwhile and it certainly will improve my ability to depose an expert and use that deposition at trial

Robert Pulver

A++! Excellent practical content. One of the best seminars. Great delivery and video "snippets."
Anonymous

Outstanding! Although I don't do many experts' depositions in my current practice, it provided a wealth of knowledge to prepare for those I have to do. Musante is extraordinary. Very few seminar instructors are as capable at relaying such complex information in such little time.
Brian Smith

Definitely one of the best. Lots of material that can be applied to our practice. Musante is an excellent teacher.
Karen Treon

Much more focused than other half-day seminars. Fast and furious delivery but I expect it will hit me in waves - useful and fun. Musante is witty and entertaining with good examples.
W. E. Hofmann, 2-3 expert depositions

Excellent! I stayed totally awake after lunch. Awesome! I'll remember it, ergo, excellent value.
Anonymous, 30+ expert depositions

Excellent practical content. Excellent instructor.
Anna C. Bronnenisant

Superior compared to others. Musante was very good. I'm going to schedule an expert deposition soon so I can practice before I forget!
Anonymous, fewer than 10 expert depositions

Nice combination of principles and visual examples. Good use of limited time. Use of Baden testimony provided a beneficial example of the principles presented.
Anonymous

Excellent instructor. We do interviews in criminal trials, but both classes are still useful for thinking about those. This has given me a lot to think about. Different from other CLEs. Real-life

video clips used very effectively, in context and outline. A lot of people are using multi-media tools (badly), but your presentation is witty and the music, although not distinctive, is used really well.

Gail Thackeray

Better than any other expert witness CLE I have attended. I like the analytical breakdown of the components of both the expert's opinions and the attack of same. Very good practical content; excellent instructor.

Mike Warzynski, 25-50 expert depositions

The best - beyond a reasonable certainty. Great practical content; exquisite teaching ability.

Verda Holland, 5 expert depositions

Very relevant and useful. Musante is excellent. Great "Opinion" attacks; use of Baden testimony very effective.

Anonymous, 3 expert depositions

Wonderful. Teaches method based on thinking process of lawyer. Musante is excellent. Very entertaining style. Very, very good practical content.

Anonymous, 1 expert deposition

Fantastic! Musante excellent! Best method for improving depo skills. Excellent "Opinion" attacks.

Anonymous

Very good, well-prepared and well-presented. Much better than other "expert" seminars.

Buzz Alston, 100 expert depositions, Jennings, Strouss & Salmon, Phoenix

Very informative with useful techniques to take into deposition. Musante is interesting, thorough, understandable. Can be applied to any expert.

Brenda Kolobara, 10 expert depositions, Jennings, Strouss & Salmon, Phoenix

Superb. The seminar teaches a very systematic, logical approach that can be applied in a wide range of cases. Musante was thoughtful, prepared, organized, effective and entertaining. Will significantly improve the quality of my adverse expert depositions, both in terms of conducting the deposition as well as preparing ... and in preparing one's own expert.

Doug Gerlach, 4-5 expert depositions, Jennings, Strouss & Salmon, Phoenix

Most valuable expert seminar I've ever attended. Musante is incredibly competent, interesting and informative. The analytical framework is a logical construct that can be applied practically to the real world. I've very excited about applying what I learned here today.
Jimmie Pursell, Jennings, Strouss & Salmon, Phoenix

Musante conveys material well. Will improve my expert depos greatly.
Josef Bobek, Jennings, Strouss & Salmon, Phoenix

Very good! Gave me a useful methodology to apply when conducting expert depositions.
Dona Nutini, Jennings, Strouss & Salmon, Phoenix

Well done; useful. Much better than other "expert" seminars
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Gary Keltner, Jennings, Strouss & Salmon, Phoenix

Well constructed and easy to identify components of technique of cross-examiner. Will significantly improve my expert depos.
Jennings, Strouss & Salmon attorney, Phoenix

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. Provided a solid approach for cross-examining an expert that hopefully can be applied to various kinds of experts.
Brian Spector, 4-5 expert depos, Jennings, Strouss & Salmon, Phoenix

"Attacking the Expert's Pedestal"

I felt the seminar was extremely practical and easily adaptable. Musante is excellent...he was able to maintain interest.
T. Douglas Peoples, 300 expert depos

Very practical seminar. Musante is enthusiastic, engaging, energetic, insightful, and interesting.
Norman Hall

Very good stuff...excellent speaker and teacher.
Neil Alder, 100s of expert depos

A logical and effective seminar...excellent speaker.
Suzanne Schmelter

Very strong seminar. It provides a tremendous amount of choices for ammunition against any expert. Musante has good energy...kept it moving.

Russell Yurk

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. My adverse expert depositions will improve 1000%.

Anonymous

Excellent seminar. Best CLE speaker I've ever run across. The Baden case was great for teaching points. I only wish my experts left open that many areas to attack.

Anonymous

Entirely practical seminar, very well presented, organized, argued and applied. Excellent speaker.

Anonymous, 50 expert depositions

Excellent seminar...superior speaker.

Anonymous

ARKANSAS

Comments from [Fayetteville](#) area attorneys who attended "Great! Adverse Depositions: Principles and Principal Techniques" and/or "The 25 Credibility Arguments for Deposition and Trial"

Incredibly relevant seminar to every deposition and cross-examination. Musante is an effective speaker with an enjoyable style. Terrific examples...good reinforcement...keeps you awake and engaged. This seminar will help improve the quality of my adverse depositions A LOT!

Marsha Woodruff, 26-yr attorney

Great seminar! Great speaker!

Todd Lewis, 9-yr attorney, 75 adverse depositions

You think you know what you are supposed to do in a deposition. This seminar sets out exactly what you should do, how to go about it, and how to prepare for it. Musante is very thorough. Because of this seminar, I will give more thought to the deposition and putting forth the theories of my case prior to the deposition.

Shannon Poore, 10-yr attorney, 75 adverse depositions

Very good seminar--emphasis on logic. Musante is terrific...keeps you awake, entertained and learning.

Harold Simpson, 30-yr atty, 75+ adverse depos

This seminar has good pointers to keep in mind. Excellent speaker. Video clips illuminated the teaching points perfectly and kept things lively.

Steven Bell, 1-yr atty, 4 adverse depos

Practical content of this seminar was useful...extremely so regarding ways to respond to frequently used evasions. Excellent speaker...conveys sincerity.

M.R. Greene, 20-yr atty, 100 adverse depos

Great seminar...very thought-provoking and practical. Musante is very engaging and entertaining.

James Roy, 33-yr atty, 1,000+ adverse depos

Great seminar...substantive content is broad and complete. Musante is very good...I enjoyed his enthusiasm and appreciate his revealing any bias he has. I stayed awake--even after a big lunch! Great video clips...they illuminated points that, with respect to credibility, are instinctual but broke it down in a logical manner. I'll be almost unstoppable [regarding future adverse depos]...I'm going to use all of Musante's tips and axioms.

Stephanie Harper Easterling, 1-yr atty, 4 adverse depos

Very helpful seminar...enjoyed the opportunity to be here. Very good speaker...upbeat, entertaining, knowledgeable. [The videos prove that] a picture is worth a thousand words and helps points stick in your memory more.

Anonymous

Very useful seminar...transcends adversarial deposition-taking. Excellent speaker...Musante used current and historical events in a manner that made class enjoyable. This is probably the best CLE ever attended.

Jeff Conner, 7-yr atty, 7 adverse depos

The best seminar...great speaker.

Ron Woodruff, 33-yr atty, 50+ adverse depos

Excellent seminar...great speaker. Very effective videos.

Blair Buckley, Jr., 13-yr atty

Comments from [Little Rock](#) area attorneys who attended "Attacking the Expert's Opinion" and/or "Attacking the Expert's Pedestal"

Excellent seminar! Please come back. Musante is engaging, animated and punctual. Love the sarcastic humor and teaching method. I look forward to the next seminar and the analysis of the Michael Jackson experts.

Keith McPherson, 100+ expert depositions

The seminar has good practical advice...helped overcome some deposition fears. Musante is very good; he stated and re-stated the important material.

Teena Watkins, Office of the Attorney General, 6 expert depositions

An excellent presentation. I am impressed with the fact that Musante can maintain a high level of performance given the fact that he is the only speaker. He is an excellent communicator, has great stamina, and breaks down the subject matter so it is not complicated.

Bill Mann, 15 expert depositions

This CLE is one of the best I have attended because the content can actually be put into practice. Musante is excellent.

Anonymous

Great breakdown and categorization of what had been disjointed hunches and techniques. An engaging speaker. This seminar, compared to other trial advocacy seminars, kept me interested and awake.

Perry Young, 10 expert depositions

The seminar was very well organized and presented in a manner that was enjoyable. Musante is excellent...he held my interest and explained the subject matter in a way anybody could understand. This seminar will greatly improve the way in which I analyze an expert's testimony.

Ben Coleman, 2 expert depositions

The practical content of the seminar is excellent. Musante is very entertaining which is supremely important for a public speaker. He held my attention all day long. This seminar will definitely improve the quality of my techniques.

Jason Reed, 3 expert depositions

Practical and useful seminar. Good teacher...good presentation.

Amanda Rose, 1 expert deposition

Very helpful seminar to an attorney new to the deposition process. Musante is very good.

Benjamin McCorkle

I am very pleased with the content of the seminar. Musante did an excellent job of conveying his subject matter. His love of his subject and belief in his techniques come across well. The application of the techniques presented will greatly assist me in the cross-examination of all adverse witnesses, especially experts.

Brad Chafin, 10 expert depositions

Very helpful material that has immediate practical application. Very good speaker.
Kathleen Reynolds, 50+ expert depositions

A useful seminar. Musante is very skilled. A superior seminar compared to others.
Nate Coulter

CALIFORNIA

Comments from the Association of Defense Counsel of Northern California (ADCNC) attorneys who attended "Great! Adverse Depositions: Principles and Principal Techniques" and/or "Mastering the Toughest-to-Craft Credibility Arguments"

Excellent seminar..."A+" speaker...very funny, entertaining and right to the point.
Lauren Tate, 18-yr attorney, Tate & Tate Associates

Seminar best yet. Very useful and thought-provoking. Marvelous speaker...great use of humor. Debunked common defense myth of not trying case at deposition ... am already thinking of questions for upcoming depositions next week.

G. Geoffrey Wood, 21-yr attorney, 250+ adverse depositions, Morton, Lulofs & Wood, Oakland/Pleasanton

Best trial techniques class/deposition techniques class I have attended. Excellent speaker.
Kate Hotchkiss, 6-yr attorney, 100s of adverse depositions, Grunsky Law Firm, Watsonville

Excellent seminar...fabulous and riveting speaker. Seminar no comparison to others...this is another level of teaching. I'm good [at depositions]...been bored...I am inspired now.
Judy Altura, 23-yr attorney, 1,000+ adverse depositions

It's been years since I attended a deposition seminar, but this is "head and shoulders" above others. Closing "escape hatches" is always a concern, and I believe Musante has given us some new tools. Excellent speaker.

Bruce J. Berger, 16-yr attorney, hundreds of adverse depositions, Stammer, McKnight, Barnum & Bailey, Fresno

The best. Seminar content very practical...speaker engaging and does a good job of integrating the teaching points with real world examples and ways to improve the questions. Has demonstrated the importance of using the deposition as a court trial tool rather than the "random" gathering of evidence.

Anonymous, 1-yr attorney, Fresno

Excellent seminar...captivating speaker...the time flew by. Never a dull moment.
Linda Schaap, 10-yr attorney, 40 adverse depositions

The seminar has been very helpful...having moved from criminal to civil practice, I too questioned the wisdom of the "rules" I was taught by civil practitioners.
Anonymous, 10-yr atty, 10 adverse depositions, 25 criminal trials, San Luis Obispo County

The seminar had lots of important information. Very dynamic speaker. Excellent quality seminar.
Anonymous, 6-yr atty

Great seminar. Musante is an entertaining lecturer who ably mixes humor with content so that learning from him proved to be a pleasure.
Anonymous, 18-yr atty, hundreds of adverse depositions, Redwood City

Very useful material highlighted with succinct, real-life examples. Musante is effective. Video clips were perfect. I will ask more leading questions and dispense with orthodox rules that hamper building my case.
Larry Luong, 2-yr atty, 10 adverse depositions

Excellent seminar...good quality. I will no longer wait to impeach at trial.
Anonymous, 3-yr atty, 6 adverse depositions

Excellent seminar...very good speaker. Seminar far better than most.
Anonymous, 30-yr atty, 1000-1500 adverse depositions

Very good seminar...thought-provoking. Excellent speaker--all the right tools.
Anonymous, 12-yr atty, 100 adverse depositions

Very practical. Excellent speaker. Will reinforce much of what I already believe and allow me a guideline to improve.
David Streza, 4-yr atty, 20 adverse depositions

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker! He did an excellent job of holding everyone's attention even after a 90-minute lunch! No more "winging" depositions! I have no doubt the seminar will improve the quality of my depositions invaluablely...I am anxious to read the materials.
Jim Haigh, 25-yr atty, 500+ adverse depositions, Law Office of James C. Haigh, Burlingame

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. Very thought-provoking. Seminar much better than others. I will be more thoughtful in advance to what and how I ask questions.
K. C. Ward, 30-yr atty

Absolutely fabulous seminar.
Lance Burrow, Law Offices of Anderson & Burrow, San Jose

The seminar content was and will be useful in practice. Musante is "A+"!
Kime Smith, 1-yr atty, 1 adverse deposition

Great seminar...great speaker. Entertaining.
Sharon Collier, 5-yr atty, Archer Norris, Walnut Creek

Top-of-the-line seminar.

Ken Hedberg, 5-yr atty, 300 adverse depositions, Thayer Harvey, et al.

Seminar better than 90%. Excellent seminar...excellent speaker.

Thomas G. Beatty, 27-yr atty, 1000 adverse depositions, McNamara, Dodge, Ney, et al., Walnut Creek

Very useful seminar. The practical application of the rules is presented in a manner that makes it seem easy to emulate. Musante is excellent. His style of speaking is neither ponderous nor pedantic, nor does he indulge in excess of vanity and audience-insulting gimmicks.

Anonymous, 4-yr atty, 10 adverse depositions, Sacramento

Excellent seminar...A "9" on a scale of "1 to 10." This seminar far better than others.

Anonymous, 22-yr atty, 200+ adverse depositions, Sacramento

This seminar encourages a more active approach to depositions. Very dynamic speaker. Great use of trial and deposition questioning to demonstrate poor technique. This seminar is the first one I have ever attended that did not emphasize the traditional approach.

David Weiland, 12-yr atty, 100+ adverse depositions, Dowling, Aaron & Keeler, Inc., Fresno

Terrific seminar! Head and shoulders above any seminar I've ever attended. Hands-on valuable material for any new attorney and probably most experienced attorneys as well. "A++" speaker. Great job!

David M. King, 24-yr atty, 1000 adverse depositions, Coddington, Hicks & Danforth, Redwood City

Excellent seminar...top notch speaker. Best seminar I've ever been to. The content of this seminar should improve the quality of my depositions by leaps and bounds.

Kirk Wagner, 10-yr atty, 300+ adverse depositions, Noland, Hamerly, Etienne & Hoss, Salinas/Monterey

I found many new techniques which I will employ, as well as some new ways of looking at traditional methods. Musante insightful and entertaining. I found this seminar to be practical as well as entertaining, which is not a usual combination.

Rebecca Moore, 4-yr atty, 100+ adverse depositions, Knox Ricksen, Oakland/Fairfield

Excellent practical content. Also excellent speaker. Will improve my adverse depositions significantly.

Jon Giffen, Kennedy, Archer & Harry, Monterey

Highly practical and entertaining seminar. Great complement to Stern's books. A "10" out of "10". I hope this will improve my depositions tenfold.

Anonymous, 12-yr atty, 50 adverse depositions

Comments from California Attorneys General who attended "Great! Adverse Depositions: Principles and Principal Techniques" and/or "The 25 Credibility Arguments for Deposition and Trial"

Exceptional! Musante walks on water with common sense and wit. Entertaining and informative. Encourages us to think outside the box once we have analyzed our key issues and to nail down the weaknesses by building a wall around the limits. This seminar is among the best.
Pat Zaharopoulos, 5-yr atty, 3-5 depositions

Excellent practical content. Excellent instructor. This seminar's set of deposition rules is better than most...if I am able to implement them, they will make my depositions better.
Albert Norman Sheldon, 30-yr atty, 30 depositions

Great! I cannot wait to use the new skills I acquired. Wonderful instructor. I think I was on the verge of reaching most of these concepts on my own. Having Musante's explanation and organization really confirmed it.
Anthony A. Sears, 14-yr atty, 50+ depositions

Very good practical content. Sticks to the "big picture", so the points are fairly easy to remember. Musante was also very good. He keeps it lively and very interesting. This seminar is quite a bit better than other litigation-skills seminars I've taken.
Sara Gros-Cloren, 14-yr atty

One of the best, most useful MCLEs I've ever been to. Everyone should attend. Musante is very energetic and pointed. This seminar's set of rules is more pointed. I've used some but this hones and helps perfect the usefulness of the deposition.
Ron Wisniewski, 9-yr atty, 100-150 depositions

Very good. Not only helpful regarding depositions but overall trial presentation/techniques. Much better than other like seminars.
Mark Brown, 12-yr atty, 120 depositions

The practical content is excellent. The instructor was very well organized and made excellent use of the power point presentation. This course provided a unique view of the deposition process, incorporating new techniques into an old procedure.
Joe O'Heron, 22-yr atty, 300 depositions

Excellent practical content. Excellent instructor. Seminar superior to others. Elucidates concepts I've been previously exposed to. Excellent refresher course.
Rick Hendlin, 23-yr atty, 200 depositions

This seminar was excellent, very helpful, useful. Better than others. Musante was excellent: clear, good use of visual material and repetition.
Anonymous, 32-yr atty, 4 depositions

Seminar is well worth the \$\$\$. Invaluable tools presented. Excellent practical content, different and much more helpful than other courses. Musante is excellent/superb. He knows his stuff and delivers information in an entertaining and easily understandable manner with good examples. The Power Point and sound effects are a major plus!. I think these depo rules will allow me to go beyond a level achieved by most attorneys, i.e., beyond the Battleship Grid.
Anonymous, 3-yr atty, 5 depositions

My deposition readiness went from zero to sixty in six hours! Musante was excellent. He's knowledgeable, credible, clear, compelling.
Analee Nations

Excellent content. Good, cogent rules. Musante is a good, dynamic and engaging speaker. Excellent use of audiovisuals.
Bill Bilderback

Very informative and helpful seminar. Musante is extremely effective. Educational value excellent in all areas. This is my first course and I will take a better deposition because of it.
Anonymous, 7 depositions

Outstanding! Musante is solid! Musante's teaching style combines elements of history, literature, law and strategy, with video-audio that held our attention all day.
Susan Orta, 1 deposition

Very good. Better than others. Musante is excellent.
Lisa J. Brault, 9-yr attorney, 0 depositions

Extremely valuable. Musante is excellent, entertaining yet presents substantial info. I'll be changing my style to incorporate his rules, especially with focus on the "deposition is trial" and "impeachment" rules.
Leslie Burgundy, 7-yr attorney, 5-10 depositions

Specific rules and suggestions were very helpful. Musante is excellent, good info well delivered. This seminar is at the top of the list, compared to others. I'm sure I'll apply what I learned today and it should result in better depositions.
Kathleen Gnekow, 20-yr attorney, 30 depositions

Excellent practical content. Musante was first-rate. This seminar is among the best.
David Carrasco, 9-yr attorney, 150-200 depositions

Bob is definitely the best!
Sandra Moorehead, 20-yr attorney, 200+ depositions

Revolutionary and revelatory! Excellent practical content. Musante is very, very good. Best seminar compared to others.
Rick Thalhammer, 28-yr attorney, 70 depositions

Practical and entertaining...therefore memorable. Musante is excellent, entertaining and used good examples. Other seminars have focused more on prep; this one is more useful for responding to the process as it develops.
Anonymous

Very useful practical content. Now I just have to put the ideas into practice. Musante is very energetic, open to questions and encouraged challenges to the ideas while sticking to them.

Some things I have done, others I have not. However, the seminar allowed me to compare what I have done with what I have seen others do and see the wisdom of his concepts.

Anonymous, 2-yr atty, 2 depos

Comments from Anaheim area attorneys who attended "Great! Adverse Depositions: Principles and Principal Techniques" and/or "Mastering the Toughest-to-Craft Credibility Arguments"

This is the best MCLE seminar I have ever attended. Musante was excellent. He articulated what I do [in deposition-taking] unwittingly and suggested new ideas that I don't put into practice.

Kathryn L. Brunner, 14-yr atty, 200 depos

No comparison to other CLEs. Way ahead of other seminars. Extremely practical, a better mousetrap. Excellent instructor.

John McCarthy, 10-yr atty, 75+ depos

This is the most valuable seminar I have taken since preparing for the bar. Excellent practical content; excellent instructor.

Roy Comer, 20-yr atty, 1,000+ depos

Excellent practical content. As one of the [few] persons in the class who previously believed in "all out" deposition impeachment, the seminar was useful in learning new techniques to "lock in" deponents.

Neil Kligman, 24-yr atty, 100+ depos

It's a superb course! Far more useful and entertaining than other CLE courses.

Wendy Huang, 6-yr atty, 80-100 depos

I enjoyed the weaving in of instructional information with actual case examples. Practical content great. Musante was great. He kept my interest during the entire seminar. I never really had a set of depo rules and depositions always made me a little nervous. I'm now looking forward to conducting my next deposition!

Amanda Potier, 3-yr atty, 25 depos

This seminar was a real valuable tool! Can't see how anyone could succeed without this knowledge. Musante was excellent, passionate, logical, good strong line! Hits the reality button!
D. Douroux

I walk out of most seminars realizing that I know more than the person who taught it. In this seminar I actually took notes and plan to use [Musante's] ideas. [The seminar] helped me to identify methods I already use so that I can make a concerted effort to use them more often. The use of visual aids, movement around the room, etc., is effective in presenting the information very effectively. At this seminar, I learned something.

Doug Fagan, 8-yr atty, 2500 depos

Best seminar I have attended for practical value. Any attorney taking depositions or trying a case should attend this seminar. It is very practical. [Musante] kept it interesting. I enjoyed

every minute. This seminar covered exactly what I needed to know to improve my deposition skills.

Tamara Geist, 10-yr atty, 200+ depos

[The seminar]'s different in type from most; i.e., not so much based on substantive law, but even allowing for that, was far more absorbing than most...even after lunch. Appreciated the common-sense approach, the pointing out things in light of human nature. [Musante] was excellent. Great use of gesture, movement, voice inflection, humor, videos, etc. to hold interest through a long day. Also appreciated his keeping track of time so all the material was covered.

Jeanne Freeland, 12-yr atty, 350+ depos

[Comparing the value of this seminar to other CLE seminars] is like gold to dross. Excellent!

Raymond S. Bordelon, 10-yr atty, 200 depos

Very good. I have a number of depos coming up and am eager to apply my newfound knowledge. Especially enjoyed "real-life" videos with Clinton, etc.

3-yr atty, 30 depos

Best ever! Great hypotheticals! Very engaging and interesting speaker. Best!

5-yr atty, 25 depos

Excellent. [Musante] was A++. Insightful and entertaining. I was previously taught to "let the deponent talk". Musante encouraged/demanded maintaining more control of situation.

5-yr atty, 10 depos

This seminar blows other CLE seminars away! Two thumbs up; extremely practical. [Musante] was passionate, strong lexicon, articulate, entertaining. I will revamp my current depo rules.

Thomas Duarte, 2-yr atty, 6 depos

This seminar was more valuable than most I have attended. [The] content was excellent. This is one of the best.

Douglas Kirk, 12-yr atty, 50-100 depos

Electronic media interaction, use of historical examples was excellent. [Content] excellent; expected less, but received more than \$'s worth. [Musante] outstanding. [Seminar's set of deposition rules] contrary to most other teaching but probably the reason I feel that my deposition product has not been useful in bringing an end to a case.

Brad Garber, 16-yr atty, 200+ depos

Excellent. So much information! Could have been explored for a week to get as much out of it as there was to get. I'll give it a try!

12-yr atty, 100+ depos

Better than most I've attended. Highly practical. I've never read a text outlining the same insights given by Musante. Musante's [deposition rules] are phenomenal.

Khuong Do, 1.5-yr atty, 8 depos

Comments from **Fresno** area attorneys who attended "Great! Adverse Depositions: Principles and Principal Techniques" and/or "The 25 Credibility Arguments for Deposition and Trial"

Excellent advice concerning not only the purpose of depositions but the manner in which to take a good deposition. Excellent speaker. Seminar much better than any other civil lit seminar concerning discovery.

5-yr atty, 100 adverse depositions

Great stuff. Musante is very easy to follow...the information is presented very logically. This seminar is very high quality...comparable to the best of any other seminars I have attended.

7-yr atty, 20 adverse depositions

Very helpful seminar...I've been taking depositions blindly. Extremely gifted speaker.

John Richart, 1-yr atty, 1 adverse deposition

Excellent seminar. Musante has a terrific knowledge of subject matter. Very good teacher.

Maybe spoke a little fast. Musante is very passionate on subject matter which made topic/seminar interesting and useful. All points followed by logic very well.

Brian Duncan, 7-yr atty, 200+ adverse depositions

Very informative seminar. I especially appreciated how Musante brings in examples of real cases to help clarify the teachings. Fabulous speaker.

Mary Castro-Ayala, 1/2-yr atty, 1 adverse deposition

"The 25 Credibility Arguments for Deposition and Trial"

Useful stuff...excellent, quick-witted speaker. Funny and engaging videos...kept me amused and gave good starting points for the teaching points.

Anonymous, 9-yr atty, 0 adverse depositions

Very instructive and helpful seminar...excellent teaching ability. Video clips illuminated the teaching points well.

Karel Rocha, 5-yr atty, 200 adverse depositions

Very good seminar...easy to understand. Great speaker! Musante is very open to questions and makes himself available at all times. Video clips helped out a lot. They made the teaching points very understandable and provided realistic examples to the teachings. I think the seminar will teach me to really listen to what people say and then use the person's own words against them.

Mary Castro-Ayala, 6-month atty, 3 adverse depos

Very helpful seminar. I will endeavor to use the techniques put forth in the seminar in my practice. I'm glad to have the materials for review. Musante is extraordinary.

J.R., 1-yr atty, 4 adverse depos

Very useful tools and techniques. Excellent speaker...very comfortable and confident. I believe I will be better prepared for every question and possible response.

Patricia Gaudoin, 7-yr atty, 100 adverse depos

Comments from **Los Angeles** area attorneys who attended "Great! Adverse Depositions: Principles and Principal Techniques" and/or "The 25 Credibility Arguments for Deposition and Trial"

A very informative and extremely practical seminar...things I had not considered but are really common sense...eureka moments that you can't believe you did not know/intuit. Superb speaker. This seminar is way more informative and entertaining than others. This seminar will sharpen my already stunning skills.

Linda J. Smith, 28-yr atty, 60 adverse adverse depos, O'Melveny & Myers, Los Angeles

The seminar advice is highly practical while at the same time avoiding stating the obvious. Excellent presentation...Musante is very polished and dynamic. Compared to others, this is by far the best seminar.

Jason Kim, 8-yr atty, 8 adverse depos, O'Melveny & Myers, Los Angeles

Excellent seminar content...very helpful info...an entertaining presentation.

Brian Berliner, 15-yr atty, 4 adverse depos, O'Melveny & Myers, Los Angeles

Excellent practical content. Much more practical than other full-day CLEs. Good relationship between the theory and its application. Musante knows how to keep the audience's attention. This will give me much greater ability to craft impeachment at trial from my deposition transcripts.

David Carman, 12-yr atty, 35 adverse depos, Glassman & Browning, Beverly Hills

Better than other full-day litigation seminars; imminently practical. Fills in material other courses leave blank. Will almost completely improve the quality of my adverse depositions. Musante is excellent.

Patrick Corrigan, 20-yr atty, 100s of adverse depos

Musante beats most of my law school professors. Very helpful common sense advice about things I never spend much time preparing for ... now I will.

Michael Kirschbaum, 25-yr atty, 100+ adverse depos

Wonderful! Excellent, brilliant! Much more energetic than most seminars. My depositions will be more exact, shorter, more likely to cement the witnesses before trial ... and to force them to lie.
Robert W. Walters, 9-yr atty, 30 adverse depositions, Tedford & Walters, Pasadena

Very useful -- will use the advice and recommendations in everyday practice. Musante kept my attention and communicated clearly. A good use of my time. Great instruction for making depositions worth the time and money; a greatly improved strategy for taking depositions.
Douglas MacLeith, 13-yr atty, 125 adverse depositions, Rogers, MacLeith & Stolp, Fountain Valley

Excellent practical content. Musante has a great ability to keep the material interesting and the audience focused. I feel it will greatly improve the quality of my adverse depositions.
James Donich, 1-yr atty, 5 adverse depositions, Woodruff, Spradlin & Smart, Orange

Seminar delivered. Very valuable; not only gave me some "new tricks" but reinvigorated my interest in being a litigator. I plan to use this stuff next week! Musante was very entertaining and instructive.
Lawrence Segal, 19-yr atty, 100 adverse depositions

A great start to a marked improvement in the quality of my depositions. Musante is excellent. Keeps your interest and moves smoothly from one topic to another

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David Hood, 3-yr atty, 20-25 adverse depositions, Law Office of Thomas Wilson, Irvine

Excellent - lots of good examples, illustrations, real world applications. Musante teaches to all senses -sight, sound, using humor and emphasis. Good at keeping interest; keeps pace. Great techniques, greater depth in analyzing situations, motivations, language nuances.
Judy Lam, 8-yr atty, 5 adverse depositions, Alschuler, Grossman, Stein & Kahan, Los Angeles

Excellent. Much more useful and practical than other full-day deposition seminars. Excellent instructor.
David K.W. Chang, 10-yr atty, 30 adverse depositions, Rodi Pollock, PC, Los Angeles

OUTSTANDING. Far superior to others. I've had 27 years of "self-taught" stumbling. I hope this seminar will bring about a 100% improvement to my deposition cross-examination.
27-yr atty, LA City Attorney's Office

This seminar is critical for a successful trial practice. Helped a great deal to organize the best of my "rules" and added many more. I've only seen 1 attorney in 30 years who followed these rules. I can't wait to practice and study these techniques. Great content and visual/audio reinforcement.
Larry Hall, 30-yr atty, 500 adverse depositions

One of the BEST seminars I have taken. Excellent! Outstanding practical content!! Musante was excellent, with passion, humor, uniqueness and relevancy.
Suzanne C. Ellis, 8-yr atty, 0 adverse depositions

Extremely useful. I can't wait to review my last deposition and use the materials on my next one. Musante is exceptional. This seminar will put practical rules in place to follow.

Patrick DeCarolis, 24-yr atty, Trope and Trope, Los Angeles

Much more practical than other CLEs. The concepts and logic are very impressive and should be quite helpful. Musante is a great speaker who is quite entertaining.

Bill Anthony, 1 1/2-yr atty, 5 adverse depositions

Should be required in law school. Musante is a very engaging and effective instructor. This MUST improve the quality of my adverse depositions.

Matt Shahon, 5-yr atty

Excellent seminar! Outstanding speaker. The best seminar on depositions I have ever attended.

James Jimenez, 17-yr atty, 40 adverse depositions

Overwhelming seminar but incredibly valuable...fabulous speaker! No comparison to other seminars. I was taught when I first started practicing that a depo is a "mini" trial. Musante has clarified and expanded that teaching brilliantly! Thank you!

29-yr atty, 300+ adverse depositions

This is the most useful seminar I have ever attended. Excellent speaker...clear and concise.

Kevin Leichter, 16-yr atty, 250 adverse depositions

Very practical seminar considering the frequency of depositions. Musante is clear, concise and helpful. Recaps were also helpful...very organized. This seminar should be required for all new associates. I definitely feel more prepared for my next deposition.

Taline Gulesserian, 2-yr atty, 2 adverse depositions

This seminar definitely contains a wealth of tools and techniques that I will work to incorporate into my practice. Musante is very dynamic and fun, inspiring...the tools are invaluable, the graphics and teaching materials are highly effective and entertaining. Although there is a lot of material, it is extremely focused, and presented in a tight format. I have attended some in-house law firm seminars that really have not provided such useful information.

Helen MacLeod, 7-yr atty, 2 adverse depositions

Outstanding seminar...outstanding speaker! No comparison to other seminars...I can use the info from this seminar (unlike those other seminars, which I cannot). I remember taking Musante's seminar years ago when I graduated from law school. Initially, I used his suggestions and "wiser, older" attorneys led me astray. My current supervising attorney took Musante's seminar and insisted I attend...I'm very glad I rediscovered your logic. Thanks.

Laureen Monty, 9-yr atty, 25-50 adverse depositions

Seminar very significant...a lot of practical value. Effective speaker.

Steve McAndrew, 15-yr atty, 75 adverse depositions

Excellent seminar...it challenges conventional wisdom and allows the audience to identify their own strengths and weaknesses. This is the only type of litigation/trial seminar I care to attend

anymore. Musante is engaging and provocative. The pace is fast but essential to a good seminar of this length.

John Buchanan, 21-yr atty, 100s of adverse depositions

Excellent seminar...far better than average. Terrific seminar...style and substance caused everyone to be much more attentive than in other seminars.

David Eisen, 25-yr atty, 150 adverse depositions

Good seminar...good speaker. I did a NITA seminar a few years ago, which focused on mechanics. This "Principles" seminar is an excellent supplement, focusing on strategic nuances.

T. MacLeod, 10-yr atty, 20 adverse depositions

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. Engaging and entertaining videos.

Mary Kulvinskis, 4-yr atty, 0 adverse depositions

Very practical seminar. A "10". Pure gold.

Elizabeth Kaufman, 27-yr atty

Very informative and useful seminar...gave me new insight on the value of the deposition of adverse party. Very good speaker.

Wellington Kwan, 10-yr atty, 3 adverse depositions

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. Five full levels above any similar seminar.

Henry Dearing, 30-yr atty, 75 adverse depositions

Very useful. Assists me to more clearly define my deposition objectives. Musante is skilled and competent.

Nedra E. Austin, 12-yr atty, 25 adverse depositions

Very insightful. The organization of advice by "archetypes" gave me conceptually that can be used universally. Musante is great; very energetic; very convicted; appears genuinely invested in betterment of all practice of law. I appreciate that it's targeted to the not-so-new attorney. It will sharpen the preparation process by helping me anticipate the archetypes ahead of time.

8-yr atty, 30 adverse depositions, AT&T Wireless, Newport Beach

Excellent! Musante is very enthusiastic and you can't fake enthusiasm. I plan to use these "rules" as soon as I can. The concept that the deposition is trial is a paradigm-shift that was worth the price of admission.

Kit Bobko, 3-yr atty, 15 adverse depositions, Richards, Watson & Gershon, Los Angeles

Terrific practical content. Great instructor with excellent pacing and visuals.

Stephen A. Mesi, 5-yr atty, 12 adverse depositions, Ivanjack & Lambirth, Los Angeles

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. Logical, insightful and better than others I've attended. Introduced me to proven concepts and gave me directions.

3-yr atty, 4 adverse depositions

Excellent seminar. Everyone who examines a witness should take the course. Excellent instructor. Great energy and insight into real life situations. This seminar was much more valuable [than other CLEs] in terms of teaching useful techniques rather than updates on areas of law and recent case rulings that I could read on my own. I don't think I will use my old techniques anymore!

3-yr atty, 6 adverse depositions

One of the best CLEs I've been to. Excellent practical content. Musante kept my attention -- the rapid pace.

Debra Caldin, 3 1/2-yr atty, 40-50 adverse depositions

One of the best.

Wayne Tate, 15-yr atty, 14 adverse depositions, Ostendorf Tate, Newport Beach

Wonderful and rare, intellectually sound, practical training. Musante is fabulous!

Wayne Morrow, 14-yr atty, 50 adverse depositions, Dependency Court Legal Services, Inc., Monterey Park

Essential practical content, exceptional teacher. This seminar rates at the very top. Musante disproved the wisdom of what is the generally accepted practice in the legal community of saving impeachment for trial.

13-yr atty, hundreds of adverse depositions

Far superior to other seminars. As much a trial practice course as deposition practice.

Daniel Bowen, 29-yr atty, 80 adverse depositions, Ackerman, Mordock & Bowen, Fullerton

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. I was impressed by his use of actual deposition (and quasi-deposition) situations to illustrate the rules of deposition as trial.

Amanda DeJesus, 9-yr atty, Caltrans LA Legal Division

By far the most useful seminar I have attended. Makes a lot of sense, can't wait to try out learned tactics. Musante's teaching ability is well balanced, intelligent, credible. He maintained my interest throughout the 6hr+ seminar, actually went by quickly. Good mix of audio and visual aids to lecture. [Seminar's set of deposition rules] very logical and useful, no fillers, all helpful.

James Parsa, 10-yr atty, 50+ adverse depositions

Informative and helpful. Musante is unconventional but kept my attention. Good info mixed in with bells and whistles. His delivery caught and kept my attention. Some attorneys still believe that impeachment should always be saved for trial...Musante won me over, though.

Meredith Todd, 3-yr atty, 20 adverse depositions, State of CA, Dept. of Trans., Los Angeles

I had no training in depositions or trial practice and have learned by doing it, mostly badly. The material Musante taught, including showing the excerpts of real trials, has given me a sense of clarity that I will be able to use when deposition medical witnesses and trial cross-examination.

Elise Dee Beraru, 12-yr atty, 80 adverse depositions

Immeasurable [compared to other CLEs]! Practical content very good; gives real life examples of how this stuff is present in everyday cases. Musante is amazing! A talking, walking Grisham novel. He intertwines his lessons w/ his examples without skipping a beat and with an incredible level of comprehension by his students! These rules are entirely oriented to preparing your case before trial, not what I've been taught depositions are for!

Jacqueline Aguilera, 6-yr atty, 5-10 adverse depositions

Excellent practical applicability. Much more captivating than all other seminars attended since law school. Musante is excellent. Helped me better understand the reasons why various tactics work so well.

6-yr atty

Very logical, common sense. Musante is excellent - very focused, good sense of humor, confident, holds interest.

Dean Weinreich, 9-yr atty, 40 adverse depositions, Silver Hadden & Silver, Santa Monica

A must! Wish I had learned these tips earlier. Musante is excellent -- keeps attention; entertains while informing. Can't help but improve my depositions; makes me more confident to undertake a depo.

5-yr atty

Head and shoulders above the rest. Will significantly improve my adverse depositions.

Adrian Adams, 10-yr atty, 20-30 adverse depositions, Adams & AnCoin, Los Angeles

Seminar delivered! Too bad it's Friday, we can't depose anyone until next week! Excellent blend of practical tips plus actual snippets. Excellent use of 6 hours out of the office. Musante speaks for himself.

5-yr atty, 15 adverse depositions

Much more practical than other CLEs, in part because it focused on a single specific problem. Illustrations with video samples get right to the point. Musante is excellent. His enthusiasm is contagious, A lot of thought obviously has gone into putting this program together. This seminar's set of deposition rules are not even close to mine, but I have no doubt Musante's rules are more effective than the ones I've been using.

The course outline is very effective. Made it possible to focus on paying attention, rather than taking notes, and gave me a framework for the notes I took. It will be a long time, if ever, before I take a deposition without reviewing the outline for this course.

10-yr atty, 40 adverse depositions

High-powered speaker obviously in love with his subject, obviously passionate. Great! It would be better to have this "class" over a longer time period. Stupid orthodoxy rules overthrown! Very practical "stuff".

Scott Broffman, 12-yr atty, 30+ adverse depositions

Excellent content; excellent instructor. This is the best seminar I have ever attended.

Mary Louise Serafine, 10-yr atty, 10 adverse depositions

Musante teaches a lot in the short time and makes it enjoyable. I learned many practical things that I will use. Showed me that I must be more prepared and more attentive to the specific answers given by deponent and gave me instruction and tools that will make me more confident now in doing adverse depositions.

Jerry Noh, 3-yr atty, 5 adverse depositions

Excellent practical content. Musante is thorough, clear and good at presentation of evidence.

Julie Del Rivo, 1-yr atty, 2 adverse depositions, State of CA, Dept. of Trans

Very informative and entertaining; much better than most. Excellent practical content.

Joan E. Lewis-Heard, 15-yr atty, hundreds of adverse depositions, Nagler & Assoc., Los Angeles

My enthusiasm for discovery has been re-ignited!

Audrey Israel, 7-year attorney, 150+ adverse depositions

Far above average. Will definitely alter the manner in which I take my next deposition.

20-yr atty, 200 adverse depositions

"Spot on" with regard to practical content. Musante is superb. More interesting and entertaining; not as dry as others.

5-yr atty, 5 adverse depositions

Excellent. Nuances I never thought of. Much more entertaining than others. Great visual aids and examples enforce point and encourage our ability to retain these lessons. The time went quickly and I felt I learned more.

7-yr atty, 12 adverse depositions

Outstanding. Solid ideas clearly expressed. Memorable.

17-year attorney, 50 adverse depositions

Excellent, lots of material, a lot to digest; excellent examples. Musante keeps your attention the whole day. Packed with little gems.

3-yr atty

Extremely helpful ... like drinking from a firehose. Loved the energy and overall theoretical framework.

C. Bryan, 9-yr atty, 5 adverse depositions

Excellent content; excellent instructor. More helpful than others in teaching one of the most important litigation skills. Musante's rules are substantially superior to mine and will significantly improve my adverse depositions.

10+-yr atty, 75+ adverse depositions

Very dynamic. My best CLE learning experience to date.

13-year attorney, 30 adverse depositions

Very instructive. Great energy and conviction. Great strategies to try.. I feel empowered.

Jennifer Walsleben, 1-year attorney, 3 adverse depos

Seminar is practical, useful. Teacher is very engaging and does a good job of holding attendees' attention.

5-year attorney, 3 adverse depos

Terrific. Extremely useful stuff.

8-year attorney, 50 adverse depos

Informative. I have a new found respect for the value of depositions.

11-year attorney, 20 adverse depos

First rate. Provided highly effective techniques for dealing with typical problems the arise at depositions.

Jeffrey Cowan, 6-year attorney, 30+ adverse depos

Terrific. Great practical tips & engaging presentation.

Mallory Garner, 9-year attorney, 50+adverse depos

Extremely grateful for this class; excellent outline provided.

Catherine Launey, 1-year attorney, 80 adverse depos

Very interesting and helpful....worth the day!

Steve Wiman, 25-year attorney, 50-75 adverse depos

I like the 'rule-out' portion! Knowledge and belief, motivation, impeachment also good.

Attacking 'I don't know', 'I don't remember' witness -- all helpful.

Gayle Heirshberg, 1 1/2-year attorney, 10 adverse depos

Practical and one of the most useful seminars ever attended. Teacher is very knowledgeable and entertaining.

8-year attorney, 75 adverse depos

Excellent. The best I've attended in years. Course overflows with practical illustration.

18-year attorney, 100 adverse depos

Great subject matter -- Great teacher.

Phyllis Ungerer, 16-year attorney, 100+ adverse depos

Great. The topics are exactly what I needed to know to prepare for a critical adverse deposition. All MCLE courses should be this beneficial.

Ada Gardiner, 19-year attorney, 20 adverse depos

Outstanding. Musante is a superb teacher.

J. H. Mitchell, 45-year attorney, 200-300 adverse depos

Excellent. Useful information presented in an interesting/dynamic fashion.

Anonymous

One of the best. I will recommend to others in my firm. HIGH PRACTICAL CONTENT.
31-yr atty, 20 adverse depositions

Thorough and intellectually challenging. Musante is great!! His rules are more thorough and organized than mine. Will definitely help me in the preparation of my depositions.
14-yr atty, 100 adverse depositions

"The 25 Credibility Arguments for Deposition and Trial"

A very important seminar...everyone should utilize the depo tool esp. when an adverse deponent is being disingenuous. Musante has great body language and energy...very much his own style. He kept my interest the entire time. The seminar will improve the importance of mapping out leading questions and follow-up, esp. when witness opens the door because they are squirming. Pinning them down has the potential to be so beautiful. Wish I could have made the "Great! Depo" seminar.

Jean Cha, 2-yr atty, 3 adverse depositions

Excellent seminar. The presentation is helpful in that there are specific illustrations to support case point. The cases chosen as illustrations are interesting and those examples help hold interest partly because they involve significant matters and also involve very good attorneys. Musante is very good...he knows this subject thoroughly. This seminar will be a useful guide in thinking ahead at the preparation stage. I'm convinced that depositions are determined by the intensity of preparation. This approach calls for deeper analysis well before the depo.
Robert Ziprick, 30-yr atty, 50+ adverse depositions

Outstanding seminar. Very helpful and well-explained techniques for difficult and "forgetful" witnesses. Excellent speaker. This seminar will help me to test all possible arguments at deposition, plug the "holes" of evasive responses, and get the evidence I need.
Todd Eagan, 5-yr atty, 30 adverse depositions

A fast and juicy seminar and speaker. Illustrative videos of people dodging questions.
Anonymous, 1-yr atty, 1 adverse depo

Very practical seminar. I can use this information at my next depo or trial. Good speaker. Videos very pertinent to the teaching points. Great examples which are familiar to most people. This seminar will improve my skills greatly.
Khymerli Apaloo, 9-yr atty

Overwhelming and valuable seminar...almost too much to absorb...can't wait to utilize the info in a depo. Fabulous speaker. Great video clips!
Anonymous

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. Rapid fire but good advice. Excellent video clips. Feel I have now tactical approaches to advocate with and to close off disingenuous, false or evasive answers.
William Davis Harn, 13-yr atty, 40 adverse depositions

The seminar could not be more practical to a litigator. Musante is very entertaining, persuasive and sincere. Videos made the presentation very entertaining and more importantly memorable. Christopher Lauria, 25-yr atty, 10 adverse depositions

As a civil litigator, the examples were more academic and less directly applicable to my practice. Stimulating, but not as specific for me as I would have liked. Musante is very good...holds one attention.

Anonymous, 31-yr atty, 400 adverse depositions

Very practical seminar. The teaching of reason and logic are vital to the practice of law. I would appreciate attending any other seminar that Musante presents. He's a dynamic speaker, who is committed to communicating his material to the attendees. I'm looking forward to his book and related workbook with examples and critiques.

Yvonne Miller

Excellent seminar. This is my third seminar, and as a refresher, was still excellent. Musante is top notch...clear, no B.S. The seminar will greatly assist with pending cases and depositions. Henry M. Lee, 15-yr atty, 300 adverse depositions

A very practical seminar...provides a disciplined, focused approach to taking depositions and developing arguments. Excellent speaker--entertaining and informative...invites challenges and questions. I hope this seminar will cause me to take a more disciplined, rigorous and planned approach.

Steve McAndrew, 15-yr atty, 75 adverse depositions

Comments from [Orange County](#) attorneys who attended "Great! Adverse Depositions: Principles and Principal Techniques" and/or "The 25 Credibility Arguments for Deposition and Trial"

This is the best trial practice seminar in California ... ever. Musante is excellent, humorous, fast-paced, articulate and thought-provoking.

Scott Spolin, 32+-yr atty, "many" adverse depositions, Spolin, Silverman, Cohen & Bart, Santa Monica

Excellent materials, great use of power-point and video examples, interesting. Musante has great teaching ability. This seminar has actual suggestions and tactics an attorney can use! All other seminars are just war-stories.

Kirkham Hake, 6-yr atty, 100 adverse depositions, Hollins Schechter, Santa Ana

Excellent nuts and bolts tips. Musante is first-rate. This is a refresher for me ... my depo-taking improved substantially after the first time I took the course. This seminar is in the top two with Brian Garner's legal writing seminar.

John Stephens, 15-yr atty, 125 adverse depositions, Law Offices of John B. Stephens, Costa Mesa

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. One of the best seminars.

Gerald Shelley, 29-yr atty, 500 adverse depos, Law Offices of John B. Stephens, Costa Mesa

Excellent, entertaining, interesting. Very effective with illustrative examples. I'm looking forward to putting skills to the test.

Yoko Yagi, 3-yr atty, 2 adverse depos, Payne & Fears, Irvine

This seminar is superior to others. Musante is very clear, explains himself well and uses several tools of instruction well.. This seminar changed my notions of depositions. I will think more about it being an argument vs. an interview.

David P. Toberty, 12-yr atty, 10 adverse depos, Irvine

Great practical content; outstanding instructor.

Tim Board, Law Office of Tim Board, Laguna Niguel

Great practical content; Musante is "Killer"! Held my interest every minute.

Ann Feather, 20-yr atty, 15 adverse depos, Fullerton

I took this seminar in 2000 and it's still the best seminar I've ever taken! Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. Re-emphasizes that depo is trial, and no depo is "merely" a "discovery deposition."

Roy Comer, 25-yr atty, 100+ adverse depos, Borchard & Baur, Mission Viejo

Very useful; Musante is fantastic.

Angela Rebella, 2-yr atty, 6 adverse depos, Payne & Fears, Irvine

Excellent seminar. Very helpful. Musante is very dynamic and engaging. Will improve my adverse depos without question.

Anonymous, 19-yr atty, 100+ adverse depos, Costa Mesa

I thought very highly of the speaker, the materials and the intellectual and practical content provided in this seminar. Musante is very highly-skilled and effective. Much better than most litigator's seminars I've attended.

Anonymous, 1-yr atty, 1 adverse depo, Costa Mesa

Can be used in every adverse deposition starting tomorrow. Far superior to other deposition seminars.

Anonymous, 22-yr atty, 500+ adverse depos, Santa Ana

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. Among the best.

Anonymous, 28-yr atty, Orange

Indispensable; I didn't know how much I didn't know! Musante is excellent, engaging, obviously knows his stuff. I expect this to improve my adverse depos tremendously!

Anonymous, 3-yr atty, 1 adverse depo, Irvine

Very informative; excellent instructor. Excellent full-day litigation seminar. Caused me to view depositions in a new light, no longer as just to get deponent's story.

Anonymous, 2.5-yr atty, Irvine

Excellent. The lecture provided very helpful advice, especially on how NOT to let adverse deponents get away with being evasive. Musante is excellent, easy to understand and keeps his audience interested by injecting his lecture with humor, current events and real-life examples of how deposition techniques can be both used skillfully as well as misused.

Anonymous, Costa Mesa

Comments from [Sacramento](#) area attorneys who attended "Great! Adverse Depositions: Principles and Principal Techniques" and/or "Mastering the Toughest-to-Craft Credibility Arguments"

This is the most powerful legal/analytical skills course I have ever taken or could ever find. Musante is gripping and memorable. There is no comparison to others ... this seminar is in a league of its own. Robert Musante took me apart and put me back together as a much improved depo-taker.

Noreen Skelly, 7-yr atty, 40 adverse depositions

Musante is one of the most energetic, impassioned teachers I've ever had. This seminar will greatly improve the quality of my depositions.

Peter Flores, 11-yr atty, Sacramento D.A.

Extremely relevant; excellent instructor. More interesting and more practical than any others I have attended.

Kevin Howard, 1-yr atty, 15 adverse depositions

The best! Great practical content; terrific instructor. Will improve the quality of my adverse depositions tremendously.

Lara Shapiro

Dynamic, interesting, intellectually challenging, attention grabbing.

Gregg McKerroll, 1.5-yr atty, Pritchard and Kay, Sacramento

It's always good to refresh and re-evaluate one's practical techniques. This seminar deals with an area often overlooked in CLE classes. Mr. Musante is a fast-talker and gets a lot of info into the six hour course and helps keep your mind from wandering. Compared to other full-day seminars, this is a 9/10.

Kay Kerekes, 2-yr atty, 6 adverse depositions

Fast-paced seminar...eclectic mix of strong vocabulary and logic with vulgarity and humor...effective for retention. Practical content of seminar is very applicable. I'll take my 20% retention, along with the written materials, and reference in future adverse depositions.
Anthony McClaren, 2-yr atty, 10 adverse depositions

Very beneficial seminar...thorough. Excellent speaker--engaging, easy to follow, well-developed.
Rory Coffey, 28-yr atty, 2,000 adverse depositions

Very practical. Musante is very effective. Lots of passion, supported by concrete examples to illustrate points.
Sui La, 3-yr atty

Best seminar yet. Excellent practical content. Very effective instructor; kept my attention the whole time.
Kathlyn Rhodes, 17-yr atty, 100+ adverse depositions

Very practical content. This is the first time anyone has given me a framework for how to do an adverse deposition. Musante gives a clear and concise explanation of his theory and provides clear examples.
Danesha Nichols, 1-yr atty, 2 adverse depositions

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. Should focus preparation and make more efficient representation for the client.
Alan Foutz

Better than virtually all other full-day seminars. Very practical for civil litigators. Musante is very talented and engaging. Great use of PowerPoint.
K. Blanco, 5-yr atty, 25 adverse depositions

Excellent practical content. Will be a GREAT help to my adverse depositions.
W. Lance Blanco, 4-yr atty

This seminar is a necessary requirement to a successful practice in almost all areas of law.
Ben Platon

Musante is above-excellent! Far better than other full-day depo seminars; much better focused on theory of case and practical application to trial.
Daryl Katcher, 10-yr atty, 15 adverse depositions

Excellent practical content; the most useful CLE I have attended! Other deposition seminars can't compare. It's actually useful, relevant and interesting. Musante is very good, moves fast, keeps your interest.

Danielle Guard, 9-yr atty, 100+ adverse depositions, Wilke, Fleury, Hoffelt, Gould & Birney, Sacramento

Excellent and very helpful. Better than most litigation seminars.

Mark Spring, 12-yr atty, 50 adverse depositions, Carlton, DiSante & Freudenberger, Sacramento

Substantive and helpful; will give me tools to master for the rest of my litigation years. Musante captures the audience with his zeal, powerpoint and video techniques.

Sue Ann VanDermyden, 10-yr atty, 40+ adverse depositions, Hanson Bridgett, Sacramento

Best yet. Great practical content; great and entertaining instructor.

Andreas Rockas, 9-yr atty, 30 adverse depositions, Lewis, Brisbois, Bisgaard & Smith, Sacramento

Worthwhile, insightful and taught with refreshing humor.

Robert Fleischman, 25-yr atty, 12 adverse depositions, Friedman, Dumas & Springwater, San Francisco

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. Has helped me to focus on principles and increase my confidence in my approach.

Tom Walker, 26-yr atty, 150 adverse depositions, El Dorado Hills

Very helpful, well thought-out and thorough.

Philip Pogledich, 5-yr atty, 5 adverse depositions, Pillsbury & Winthrop, Sacramento

Very good practical content; very good, animated and interesting instructor. More interesting and useful than other full-day litigation seminars.

David M. Trapani, 16-yr atty, 200+ adverse depositions, El Dorado Hills

There are no other seminars like this to my knowledge. I would like to take it again and again.

Robert Lovein, 7-yr atty, 700-1,000 adverse depositions, Anwyl, Scoffield, Stepp & Universal, Sacramento

A very useful and totally ignored approach to taking adverse depositions. Significantly better than others. A captivating presentation. I believe my adverse depositions will improve dramatically.

Ranbir Ahdan, 3-yr atty, 5-10 adverse depositions, Sheridan & Carroll, Sacramento

Very applicable; by putting this new knowledge to work, I will do better in my future depositions. Musante is very dynamic and enthusiastic.

Jim Henderson, 1-yr atty, 2 adverse depositions, Carroll Burdick & McDonough, Sacramento

Excellent and applicable to everyday practice. Musante is great ... this is the first CLE I've been to where I wasn't tempted not to return after lunch.

Sarah Ream, 3-yr atty, 4 adverse depositions, Wilke, Fleury, Hoffelt, Gould & Birney, Sacramento

Excellent distillation of basic premises necessary for success. Musante is outstanding.

Tom Barth, 15-yr atty, 40 adverse depositions, Kronick, Moscovitz, Tiedemann & Girard, Sacramento

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. I will be using this information in my next deposition.

Brian Katz, 22-yr atty, 200 adverse depositions

One of the most engaging seminars I've attended. Great practical content.

Cynthia Smith, 5-yr atty, 10-15 adverse depositions, St. Helena

Best deposition seminar I have attended. Practical content is very helpful to polish my skills. Some of the things I had already figured out, other concepts will change the way I have been doing things. Musante is high energy with the right amount of volume, intellect, humility and humor.

Stephen A. Cain, 20-yr atty, 1,000 adverse depositions, Rancano & Rancano, Modesto

The value of this seminar is much higher than all other courses I've taken. It provides nuts-and-bolts techniques instead of generalizations of limited usefulness. Musante is an excellent communicator; the course is well-thought-out. He uses video examples of historical cases to bring principles home. It provides tools to utilize to recognize "crap" and avoid "crap" when taking depositions, techniques that should work at trial, as well. Everything was valuable.

Randall Wiens, 20-yr atty, 100+ adverse depositions

Excellent. Riveting. Probably the best I've experienced. I very much appreciate the emphasis on rules as opposed to style. Musante was excellent.

William L. Loughman, 23-yr atty, 1,000 adverse depositions

Excellent seminar -- an analytical approach to something that is very difficult to develop skill in. Musante is outstanding -- dynamic and passionate. Compared to other like seminars, this one is more thought-provoking. It challenges long held assumptions by forcing us to think. I don't have any firm "rules," but I did tend to accept those general principles. I am now rethinking my approach,

Bruce Kilday, 21-yr atty, 100s of adverse depositions

Excellent. The best lawyers I've seen would benefit from these techniques. No comparison to other one-day seminars. This is by far the best.

Glenn C. Nunes, 2-yr atty, 7 adverse depositions

Very helpful. I wish I'd taken it much earlier in my career. More in-depth than others, more relevant, more real. Very much enjoyed the pace ... the humor was also appreciated and helped to keep the interest. I can see that by not following the "rules," my depositions have not been as effective.

Kristin Lucey, 6-yr atty, 20-40 adverse depositions

Excellent. Packs it in. Distinguishes between strategy and tactics well. Excellent practical content.

Ed Smith, 20-yr atty, hundreds of adverse depositions

Highly informative. The rules and practical examples were explained clearly and concisely. My rules would have been more applicable to an interview than a deposition.

Michael Jones, 12-yr atty, 200+ adverse depositions

Compared to other seminars I've taken, this is by far the very best and most useful. Practical content was excellent. Musante was excellent. My only "rules" were to get information and facts as thoroughly as possible, i.e., the standard mediocrity.

Cyrus Zal, 22-yr atty, dozens of adverse depositions

Very educational and enlightening as to how poorly I was organizing my depositions. Musante kept my attention and was able to convey the information. Superior compared to other CLEs. Musante's "rules" are very organized. I feel that I can go from "a" to "b" or "c" with far more clarity and confidence. I had previously taken Musante's "expert" seminar and will retake it tomorrow!

28-yr atty, 100s of adverse depositions

More practical than theoretical. Great instructor.

Angela Scatena, 1-yr atty, 15 adverse depos

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. Certainly the best I've taken.

Kiersta Perlee, 5-yr atty, 30 adverse depos

Excellent! Musante's enthusiasm and creativity are contagious. Better than probably most, if not all! I feel I learned a lot in one day.

Robin Leslie Stewart, 23+-yr atty, hundreds of adverse depos

This seminar is at least as valuable as specialized in-house skills seminars. The rules and truisms presented are all helpful. Musante employs an excellent use of examples to reinforce point.

Maralee MacDonald, 6-yr atty, 15 adverse depos

Excellent! This is what I needed t this stage of my career.

Joe Marman, 40-yr atty, 50 averse depos

Good practical content; good instructor. More intense and tense than other one-day seminars.

Larry Freeman, 31-yr atty, 75+ adverse depos

Seminar was extremely helpful in pointing out my flaws and providing tools to improve my depo skills. Excellent content. Musante kept my attention and provided practical tools I can use now.

Lana Shearer, 3+-yr atty, 80 adverse depos

Fabulous practical content. Fabulous instructor. Better than others.

Julie Garfield, 25-yr atty, 30-40 adverse depos

Excellent! Good powerpoint presentation. Fast pace keeps interest.

Anonymous, 7-yr atty, 25 adverse depos

Very good practical content. I like the no-nonsense approach; more entertaining and informative than other one-day seminars. Had I turned in a list of my "rules", it would have been a blank page. Now I could write something down.

Anonymous, 9-yr atty

Great seminar ... so good that this is my second viewing. Comparable to others I've attended, but I only attend highly recommended seminars due to time constraints.

Rebecca Freeman, 17-yr atty, 75-100 adverse depos

Excellent program with practical tips. A terrific value for the money. Musante was great and engaging.

Anonymous, 1 1/2-yr atty, 1 adverse depo

A- instructor. Much more practical than other one-day seminars.

David Garcia, 2-yr atty, 4 adverse depositions

Very good practical content. Excellent instructor.

Anonymous, 14-yr atty, dozens of adverse depositions

The very best! Very detailed principles for dealing with common tactics employed by adverse witnesses. Indispensable to the trial lawyer. [Most useful aspect] importance of WHACK! How to deal with "don't know, don't recall". Use of motivation and rationale to impeach conduct.

Anonymous, 9-yr atty, 200 adverse depositions

Much better than most. Extremely good practical content, for a change. [Musante's] energy helps impact the important points. The videos really help with an understanding of the point Musante is making. So does his recollection of cases he's tried.

Anonymous, 5-yr atty, 20 adverse depositions

More valuable than any other deposition seminar I've been to. [Musante] very good. Kept my attention and was very informative.

Anonymous, 2-yr atty, 5 adverse depositions

Excellent [practical content]. A lot of common sense practical advice that we may have heard before, but it's valuable to hear again and to have put into this framework. [Musante] very good to excellent. Very fast talker, but there's a lot to get through. [Most useful aspect] viewing entire process as the "argument" or "trial" -- a fresh perspective for what I do every day.

Anonymous, 15-yr atty, hundreds of adverse depositions

Different qualitatively. Most CLEs are less practical-oriented, more theoretical. But this actually is also very theoretical, but in a broader sense. Very good instructor. I like energy without frenetics or yelling. Good outline, good buzz words, repetition ultimately helpful, good [video] clips.

Anonymous, 9-yr atty, 30 adverse depositions

Excellent [compared to other CLEs]. Excellent practical content. Excellent instructor.
Anonymous, 18-yr atty, hundreds of adverse depositions

Above average. I wish I had taken this seminar 10 years ago. [Most useful aspect] helping cure some of my "bad habits" which have crept into my deposition examinations.
Anonymous, 12-yr atty, 750 adverse depositions

Much better than most. I have taken hundreds of depositions and I gained insights I'd like to put into practice immediately. Excellent practical content. Excellent instructor. The whole seminar was great.
Anonymous, 16-yr atty, 300 adverse depositions

Practical lessons that need to be put into practice. It all makes great sense when explained. Great presentation, good humor, engaging speaker. [Most useful aspect] establishing "standard" concept; making the implied-express.
Anonymous, 1-yr atty, 5 adverse depositions

Of more value [than other CLEs]. Particularly good use of live testimony in the depo settings. Very good instructor. The no-nonsense approach to not letting a deponent waffle [was most useful aspect].
Anonymous, 18-yr atty, 500-1,000 adverse depositions

As helpful or more [than other CLEs] due to application of theory to tangible examples of implementation. Putting theory to practice is the most helpful to me as a newcomer to the profession.
Anonymous, 7-month atty, 9+ adverse depositions

One of the best. Excellent practical content. Excellent instructor. [Most useful aspect] the logic.
Anonymous, 13 yr atty, 1000+ adverse depositions

If not the best, one of a very short list. Very practical; excellent teaching ability.
Anonymous, 22-yr atty, 30 adverse depositions

Top 5% for providing real-practice insight and guidance. [Instructor's teaching ability] Unimpeachable!
Anonymous, 6-yr atty, 80 adverse depositions

Among the best. Musante is excellent, obviously knows the subject and cares about his presentation.

Anonymous, 18-yr atty

A+ instructor. Will improve the quality of my adverse depositions, despite my experience.

Anonymous, 30-yr atty, 100 adverse depositions

Excellent practical content. It is such a relief to now have a framework with which to approach a deposition. Extremely valuable.

Anonymous, 1-yr atty, 3 adverse depositions

Excellent. The most useful and interesting CLE seminar I have taken. Musante is great; good mixture of humor, practical application, nuts and bolts and overall theory. I have a number of adverse depositions coming up this year and will certainly apply this method.

Anonymous, 6-yr atty

This is unique and a real intellectual challenge. There is so much information and technique that this would be better in a 2-day seminar. High practical content. [Most useful aspect] examining the logic of the deposition process helps me see what I've been doing right and helps me focus on difficult areas.

Anonymous, 18-yr atty, 400+ adverse depositions

Excellent compared to others. Incredibly helpful; will be instrumental in re-thinking strategy for depositions and litigation prep.

Anonymous, 4-yr atty, 10 adverse depositions

"Mastering the Toughest-to-Craft Credibility Arguments"

A very worthwhile seminar, each point discussed can apply in almost every cross-examination. Musante is very animated and expresses enjoyment of the subject. Gives a lot of information in a very short period of time. The techniques provided will help in building up the steps and points before attacking the witness' story/reasoning and making my argument.

Anonymous, Sacramento County D.A.'s office

Very practical seminar...it made the implied express! Great practicality. Musante is a terrific speaker...educated, well versed, funny and keeps the attention of the group. He definitely gave me a lot of new tools to work with. Video clips were a great tool to exemplify the arguments and techniques that were central to this class. This seminar will definitely help improve my cross exam techniques. Musante's teaching style and humor are great! A great use of my Saturday!

Denise Halstead, 9-yr atty, Sacramento County D.A.'s office

This is essential to taking a meaningful deposition. Musante is an excellent, dynamic speaker! The video clips added maximum credibility to the teaching points. The seminar will improve my ability to conduct cross examinations of adverse witnesses.

Danielle Teeters, 6-yr atty, 20 adverse depositions

"A+" speaker. Good use of Powerpoint.

Gale Filter, 17-yr atty

Most practical CLE course I have ever taken. I am a repeat customer...only course I have ever repeated. I used to dread taking depositions...now I look forward to it.

John Murphy, 34-yr atty, 750 adverse depositions

Extremely interesting seminar. No doubt in my mind the principles explained do and will work to craft questions and be persuasive to a jury or fact finder, used appropriately. Musante is very passionate about the subject. Sometimes disjointed...but I followed what he was saying. Would like to attend his Great! Adverse Deposition seminar.

Elisa Ungerman, 16-yr atty, 100s of adverse depositions

Seminar makes sense...will require practice in application. Good speaker...good sense of humor. No flaws in the information presented. The clips illuminated the points and were helpful.

Benedict DiDuca, 5-yr atty, 1 adverse deposition

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. Very engaging.

Rory Coffey, 28-yr atty, 1000+ adverse depositions

An informative and challenging seminar. Good use of video and phrase repetition...good techniques. Seminar should be of enormous help.

Roy Chastain, 23-yr atty, 8 adverse depositions

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. I wish Musante would do more seminars. The seminar will help me a lot.

Dennis Halsey, 31-yr atty, 1000-1500 adverse depositions

As an in-house counsel, it is helpful to have these ideas to make sure litigation counsel is focused on the key points that need to be covered. Musante presents his ideas well and shows passion for the subject. Videos were helpful to illustrate the points being made as well as they help to maintain interest.

Anonymous, 17-yr atty

Useful and realistic seminar. Good speaker, especially with the multi-media examples...breaks up the presentation and provides realistic, real world applications of concepts being taught. I think this seminar will, when put to use, improve various aspects of my deposition of CEs, esp. in using rhetoric and identifying the argument to use.

Greg Fisher, 8-yr atty, 70 adverse depositions

Helpful, real world examples. Dynamic speaker...expresses genuine interest in the material being presented.

Ryan Buckley, 1-yr atty, 1 adverse depo

Quite good seminar...real life examples were most useful in concepts taught. Very good speaker. Sure to improve my depositions...this type of training should be done at law school.

Anonymous, 10-yr atty, 100 adverse depositions

Very good seminar. The ideas, the logic, the incorporation of Musante's teaching points are extremely helpful. Excellent videos.

Anonymous, 14-yr atty, 4 adverse depositions

Comments from [San Bernardino](#) area attorneys who attended "Great! Adverse Depositions: Principles and Principal Techniques" and/or "The 25 Credibility Arguments for Deposition and Trial"

"Great! Adverse Depositions: Principles and Principal Techniques"

An extremely positive seminar...excellent speaker.

Craig Brown, 20+-yr atty, 30+ adverse depositions

The seminar is one of the most useful and practical training that any trial lawyer can take advantage of. Outstanding speaker. A seminar far more dynamic than others, and concrete examples are more useful.

Shaun Murphy, 14-yr atty, 50+ adverse depositions

Musante is excellent...he provided a tool box of incredibly sharp tools to dissect a party at an adverse deposition. I have attended over 200 CEB courses over the last 29 years...this is the best seminar I have ever attended.

Joe Gibbs, 29-yr atty, 200+ adverse depositions

Seminar has very practical content...very good speaker.

Scott Grossman, 10-yr atty, 10 adverse depositions

Excellent and informative material taught with enthusiasm that rubs off to the audience.

Musante is clear and enthusiastic.

11-yr atty, 70 adverse depositions

Very good seminar...very good speaker. The best videos I've seen in any seminar.
Bruce Emerick, 25-yr atty, 1,000 adverse depositions

Very good seminar. The approach can be applied to any adverse deposition in any area of practice. Excellent speaker...his obvious passion for the subject is a compliment for the real life experience he brings to the seminar. This is a great seminar for an experienced deposition taker. It assumes the attendees have the basic knowledge. It's very insightful for an advanced class.

Heather McMillan, 9-yr atty, 1,000 adverse depositions

"The 25 Credibility Arguments for Deposition and Trial"

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. The use of Powerpoints made the seminar very interesting and demonstrated how credibility can be attacked in real world situations. No flaw in logic but would have liked to see a little more time for answering questions.

Casey Clements, 3-yr atty

The practical content is outstanding...only "problem" is that there is not more time to devote to it. Excellent speaker. Invaluable video clips.

Anonymous

Outstanding seminar. Speaker used contemporary issues to make his point.

Anonymous

A 100% practical seminar. Very good speaker...very interesting. Great tips...I intend to adopt several of them.

Anonymous, 7-yr atty, 1 adverse deposition

Great practical approach to deposition. Excellent speaker.

Anonymous, 29-yr atty, 5 adverse depositions

Seminar provides a more acute focus coupled with tactical suggestions to expose and highlight deceptive testimony. Superior speaker...engaged. He ain't mouthing the words. Spot-on videos. I anticipate the seminar will enhance focus, increase the use of leading questions and cause me to re-think the factual preparation for depositions.

James Allen, 29-yr atty, 1,500 adverse depositions

Comments from [San Diego](#) area attorneys who attended "Great! Adverse Depositions: Principles and Principal Techniques" and/or "The 25 Credibility Arguments for Deposition and Trial"

"Great! Adverse Depositions: Principles and Principal Techniques"

Musante's course revitalizes, synthesizes and energizes the art of taking depositions. This course is a must ... no matter your experience level.

Browning Marean, 27-yr atty, Gray, Cary, Ware & Freidenrich, San Diego

Just as advertised! Much better than other CLEs. Terrific practical content; very, very good instructor. I'd like Musante not to come back to San Diego and share this information with any more defense lawyers! Keep this secret!

Dan Stanford, 25-yr atty, 200+ adverse depositions

On a par with the best seminars I've attended. Excellent practical content. Musante very personable, charismatic.

Blaise Jackson, 7-yr atty, 300 adverse depositions

Much better than others because it doesn't stray from the theme or focus of the subject matter. Stimulating and provides info that is perfected. Should increase the value of taking depositions. Musante was excellent. Although he covers the material quickly, he speaks concisely and emphasizes the point to be made. This seminar will improve the strategic focus of future depositions I'll take.

Gretchen Fusilier

Mr. Musante is energetic, enthusiastic, knowledgeable and makes his points well. The examples and advice in this seminar are logical and enlightening. These techniques and rules can be applied in my practice tomorrow. Musante demonstrated how application of these rules would be effective in obtaining the most favorable testimony possible.

Loran Pinkerton, 1-yr atty, 40 adverse depositions, Gray & Prouty, San Diego

One of the best! Superb practical content; excellent instructor.

Kari Marchant, 4-yr atty, Oceanside

Excellent and invaluable insight. Musante is terrific, enthusiastic, humorous, yet concise. I definitely would have listed the "save-impeachment-for-trial" as one of my rules before this; thus, this was a perfect time for this seminar, i.e., before I become set in bad habits.

Steven Wedel, 1-yr atty, 3 adverse depositions, Center for Disability Access, San Diego

Offers interesting ideas and approaches to taking an adverse deposition. Very beneficial on a practical level by offering helpful approaches in taking an adverse deposition. Musante was good -- kept the seminar moving. This seminar's set of depo rules are different and I intend on using them.

6-yr atty, 20 adverse depositions

It's been too long since I've attended such a seminar. Excellent! I'll use impeachment on a depo more than I have previously.

Patrick M. Smith, 36-yr atty, 500 adverse depos, Nugent & Newnham, San Diego

My rules have changed dramatically! This seminar is of much greater value than others.
Excellent practical content and excellent instructor.

Frank M. Jodzio, 20-yr atty, 800 adverse depos

Excellent seminar...this program gives a new and different view of a subject which is often boring and dry. Top notch speaker...intense, lively. Seminar far superior to most other, if not all, prior depo seminars I have attended.

Edward Chapin, 35-yr atty, 1,500+ adverse depos

Great information communicated effectively. Very entertaining speaker...he explained the material clearly. Musante effectively demonstrated how carefully-crafted depo questions can increase settlement value or create a transcript the trial attorney can use. Loved the Clinton and George Will videos.

Leslie Ryland, 4-yr atty, 0 adverse depos

Excellent seminar...there was much that I will use...examples were very instructive. Excellent speaker...he is very interesting. One of the best seminars.

Bruce Beach, 30-yr atty, many adverse depos

Useful seminar...wonderful to think about utilizing the rules to practical benefit. Very good speaker. I'll be back in December. Highly effective and entertaining videos.

Jill Houlahan, 10-yr atty, 20 adverse depos

Excellent seminar! Mind-provoking. Well-spoken speaker.

Donna Lawrence, 11-yr atty, 40+ adverse depos

Excellent seminar...very motivational speaker. Seminar much better than other seminars I have been to, including CEB and Rutter Group. I have been to this seminar before and I would attend again. See you in Dec!

Karin Backstrom, 16-yr atty, 30 adverse depos

A healthy refresher with new approaches.

30-yr atty, 500 adverse depos

Good practical hints, good presentation. Kept interest, good humor, good stories and relevant known examples.

Jason Baker, 2-yr atty, 20 adverse depos, Macaluso, Baker & Macaluso, San Diego

Excellent presentation. Best one-day seminar I've taken. Highly practical and useful.
15-yr atty, 100 adverse depos

Exceptional for practical content, and I can't say enough about Musante's teaching ability.
Stan Tomlinson, Carlsbad

Nice to see a structure and presentation of things learned by trial and error or picked up bit by bit. Musante keeps your attention.
Art Moreau, 7-yr atty, 200 adverse depos

As good as any I've been to, and I attend more than anyone I know, probably the most direct and useful. So much of the uncertainty I've had is gone. Musante is great, easy to listen, understand, amusing without losing effectiveness, great examples on Microsoft [deposition]. Where other instruction lets issues drop, your technique shows how to keep depo alive. Way more useful and in depth. Only course that pursues how to persist in questioning a lying, uncooperative and/or accomplished deponent.
Daniel Grunbaum, 3-yr atty

Much more interesting than most. Very good practical content. The dissection of famous trials was helpful. Musante was very good. Energetic and very interesting speaker. Kept the seminar moving. Very good ideas -- different approach.
Debora Buljat, 4-yr atty, 50 adverse depos

A+ for practical content; A+ for instructor. Musante supported his claims with clear and convincing evidence.
9-yr atty, 120 depos, San Diego

Excellent! This is the best seminar I have ever attended. The hours flew by, I would have liked to hear more.
4-yr atty, 1 depo

Far superior to other CLEs. Very practical to those who have made the mistakes Musante teaches how to avoid. The seminar's depo rules are much more effective and comprehensive than any I have previously utilized.
10-yr atty, 150 depos

Very good seminar, more practical than most. Excellent instructor.
Bruce S. Rosen, 5-yr atty, 25 adverse depositions

Very helpful. It will change how I do depositions and will also make me pay more attention to the other attorneys conducting them.
Robin Montes, 5 1/2-yr atty, 10 adverse depositions

Definitely delivered. Much more practical and "how-to" oriented than other CLEs. This set of deposition rules are totally different. I'm going to have to work harder to get ready for the depositions, but I can see the value.
7-yr atty, 25 adverse depositions

Musante's marvelous grasp of the English language, containing literary references, descriptive vocabulary and body language made this subject interesting and informative for six hours.
23-year attorney, 100+ adverse depositions

Outstanding. Musante has a point of view and delivers it clearly and defends it persuasively.
3-year attorney, 25 adverse depositions

Teacher very motivational, prepared, competent. Substantive and thorough, beneficial instruction combined with the reinforcing videos.
10-year attorney, 50-100 adverse depositions

Entertaining. Good organization. Good humor.
11-year attorney, 100+ adverse depositions

Excellent. Mr. Musante is a captivating and animated speaker. He knows the subject of depositions inside and out.. I plan to utilize all of the techniques I learned in my next deposition. I feel as though I have new tools and templates that I can apply to any case I am handling.
1 1/2-year attorney, 15 adverse depositions

Very good. Appreciated session on knowledge, belief & motivation. Entertaining, interesting lecturer. Wish I'd taken this years ago.
James Austin, 14-year attorney, 80-90 adverse depositions

The categorical best I have had the pleasure of experiencing!
Howard Kipnis, 15-year attorney, 100 adverse depositions

One of the best seminars I have ever attended. Nuts and bolts approach.
2-year attorney, 50 adverse depositions

Excellent. Best seminar and most practical litigation practice I have ever attended.
Brian Forbes, 24-year attorney, 300 adverse depositions

This was one of the best seminars I have taken. All subjects covered were valuable.
7-year attorney

This was a terrific seminar for my level of deposition-taking. I appreciated how quickly [Musante] went through the materials, how well he spoke and especially the fact that all of it was practical and I can use it.
3-year attorney, 35-40 adverse depositions

"The 25 Credibility Arguments for Deposition and Trial"
Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. Informative and entertaining.
Bruce Beach, 30-year attorney, 100+ adverse depositions

Very valuable seminar...top flight. Musante is an excellent teacher...interesting presentation style combined with significant intellectual content. Video clips superbly illuminated the teaching points.
B. Paul Husband, 29-year attorney, 25-30 adverse depositions

Beneficial seminar...dynamic speaker. Videos were great. The case of high profile individuals made the videos more interesting.
Anonymous, 4-year attorney, 3 adverse depositions

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. Videos illustrated the points. My depositions will improve in structure and in effectiveness.
Anonymous, 18-year attorney, 10 adverse depositions

Seminar content cast a new light on taking depositions. I think the effect will be positive.
Excellent speaker.
Ed Chapin, 35-year attorney, >2,000 adverse depositions

Excellent seminar, but wanted more sample cross-exams attacking the "I don't know", etc. Very good speaker...focused, emphatic and entertaining. Great quality graphics.

Jill Houlahan, 6-year attorney, 50 adverse depositions

This seminar is really ahead of its time, as most don't understand how critical depositions are to winning cases.

Pierre Domereq, 1-year attorney, 3 adverse depositions

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"Great! Adverse Depositions: Principles and Principal Techniques"

This seminar was on a Friday. Approximately 98% of the audience stayed for the entire seminar. That fact is remarkable and a strong compliment. I have never witnessed such a high retention in 30 years of going to seminars. Musante's insights are persuasive. I concur. Content and presentation were well worth my time and investment.

Peter Mancus, 30-yr atty, "many" adverse depositions

Insightful seminar...I am a fan of Powerpoint and appreciate the effort to create and assemble such a substantive presentation. Excellent, energetic instructor.

Mike Wise, 10-yr atty, 20 adverse depositions

The best! Excellent strategies and helpful suggestions as to specific questions. I've been three times and I learn more every time I attend.

Ken Wilson, Perkins Coie

Worthwhile, insightful and taught with refreshing humor.

Robert Fleischman, 25-yr atty, 12 adverse depositions, Friedman, Dumas & Springwater, San Francisco

100% more effective and useful than 90% of CEB seminars that I have attended. Practical content AAA+; Superb teaching ability, style and energy.

David Secrest, 9-yr atty, 300 adverse depositions

Best legal seminar I've attended and I'm a legal seminar junkie! No one else has synthesized these principles of pinning down evasive witnesses into a logical presentation. Compared to other CLEs without equal! Practical content A+! Instructor A+!

John H. O'Reilly, 21-yr atty, 60 adverse depositions

It was the best I have ever attended. I actually learned something I've never seen other attorneys use, instead of merely "fulfilling" my CLE requirements.

Travis G. Black, 8-yr atty, 100+ adverse depositions

I learned more in this class than in any other CLE course I've taken. [Musante] was excellent! If he teaches any other trial advocacy seminars, I would like to take them! [This seminar's set of deposition rules] is much more comprehensive, practical and clearly explained.

Laura Tudisco, 15-yr atty, 5 adverse depositions

One of the best. [Practical content] Excellent, very helpful. [Musante] fantastic...no way to fall asleep; very clear. [This seminar's set of deposition rules] very helpful, will supplement 22 years of depositions.

Lawrence Mann, 22-yr atty, 1,000+ adverse depositions

This was my first seminar. I can only hope others will be as useful or practical as this. It brought to light things no one tells you in law school. [Musante] was excellent.

Juliana Hishmeh, 5-month atty

This is definitely the best seminar on any subject I've attended so far. All good info to know before I develop bad habits. [Musante] keeps us interested throughout by using written materials, video, lecture. Very animated, holds my attention.

1-yr atty, 1 adverse deposition

Superior to most "panel" CEB - continuity, energy and practicality better than "cites & stories" approach. [Musante] stayed on course. I'm rethinking my approach from top to bottom.

Bruce McCann, 19-yr atty

Far superior to most MCLE programs - excellent speaker, great use of video materials to illustrate points made, lots of useful information. I wish I could send all my partners to this seminar!

14-yr atty, 50+ adverse depositions

Better than all the other CLEs in 10 years. Practical content extremely high. It reinforces things I learned the hard way and adds new ones. [Musante] was fabulous. I've evolved to doing things by this seminar's deposition rules about 2/3 of the time; now I can make it conscious and use these rules consistently.

10-yr atty, 40 adverse depositions

Good value. Kept my attention. I hope I can learn to apply the techniques by habit. [Musante] was great! Humor is always a great communication device. The material for illustration is great! O.J. and Clinton are great sources! I have been practicing in some of the ways suggested, but now I have names for what I'm doing and a context to consider before the next depo.
11-yr atty, 200 adverse depositions

This seminar was far and away the most useful seminar I've ever attended. And, it clearly was the most entertaining. The rules conveyed seem especially accurate. Musante is an exceptional instructor and orator.
3-yr atty

Musante kept my interest throughout and expressed the techniques/tips clearly. He made it all make sense and fit. He convinced me I was capable of taking a KILLER! deposition. Entertaining and clear. [This seminar's set of deposition rules] are completely different. I have made every mistake he spoke about!
1-yr atty, 2 adverse depositions

One of the best. The content was excellent; entertaining also. Appears to be quite useful. I'm anxious to try out the rules. [Musante] held my attention without difficulty for 6 hours. I like the logic of the rules, but I'll have to see them in action. They sound like they'll be more useful than other rules I've learned (orthodoxy).
David Monks, 6 1/2-yr atty, 50 adverse depositions

More principles and techniques than I had imagined. Gave me an entirely new perspective on depositions.
Larry Estrada, 14.5-yr atty, 10 adverse depositions, US Postal Service

Better than any other seminar I've taken. Very practical. Set forth "rules" that were completely new to me. I know the techniques, if I remember them all, will drastically improve the results I get in depositions.
Michelle Regalia McGrath, 6-yr atty, 60+ adverse depositions, US Postal Service

Better, more thorough than others. Extremely practical.
Jocelyn Burton, 16-yr atty, 100 adverse depositions, US Postal Service

Outstanding. Best I've been to yet. Great examples of good and "stupid" questions and the ease of modifying questions to be better. I have taught for 20+ years; adult learners need these visual examples, humor interactive discussion. No question this seminar will dramatically help the quality of my adverse depositions.
Richard C. Mosher, 30-yr atty, hundreds of adverse depositions, US Postal Service

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. I certainly think attending will improve the quality of my taking of adverse depositions.

Larry Cirelli, 20-yr atty, 200+ adverse depositions, Hanson & Bridgett

Musante is excellent. Very useful. Good examples of common mistakes and ways to improve questions.

Walter R. Shneider, 10-yr atty, 30+ adverse depositions, Hanson & Bridgett

Current, funny, easy to understand. Musante is excellent; kept me engaged. This seminar is far above any others I have attended. This was the only "real" deposition instruction I have ever received. I feel so much better equipped.

Anonymous, 3-yr atty, 2 adverse depositions, Hanson & Bridgett

Wonderful practical content. Among the best seminars I have ever attended, including those where I was the instructor! I think I will be a much better taker of depositions as a result of taking this seminar.

Gordon McAuley, 23-yr atty, 100 adverse depositions, Hanson & Bridgett

Will certainly put the practical content to use. Best seminar re depositions, especially good use of examples. This should be required for all of our litigators.

David Baer, 22-yr atty, 100+ adverse depositions, Hanson & Bridgett

Excellent, insightful. Musante is engaging and dramatic. I look forward to the challenge of trying to implement some (or all) of the concepts.

Alison Sandman, 9-yr atty, 25+ adverse depositions, Hanson & Bridgett

Since my first attendance at the "killerdepo" seminar, I have improved my deposition questions immensely. The second seminar reinforced rules and reminded me of others to bring me to yet another anticipated level. Musante is entertaining, passionate about the rules he's teaching.

Sue Ann Van Dermyden, 10-yr atty, 50+ adverse depositions, Hanson & Bridgett

Fantastic practical content, excellent instructor.

Michele Trausch, 26-yr atty, 100s of adverse depositions, Hanson & Bridgett

Real-life examples were particularly helpful. The videos of actual deposition/trial testimony and the analysis of them were the best parts of the seminar. I look forward to putting what I learned to use. Musante is dynamic, obviously passionate about the topic.

Cynthia Laberge, 8-yr atty, 25 adverse depos, Hanson & Bridgett

Extremely practical; extremely effective. One of the most useful training sessions I've ever had.
Anonymous, 6-yr atty, 5 adverse depos

Best seminar I can remember. Excellent practical content. I'd like to attend others.
Anonymous, 3-yr atty, 2 adverse depos, Hanson & Bridgett

Musante is excellent: dramatic, lively and entertaining, Lots of practical content, plus the challenges to orthodox practice provide food for thought regardless. It was a long day in a hot, stuffy room and I nonetheless had no desire to leave ... it was too interesting and entertaining.
Anonymous, 24-yr atty, Hanson & Bridgett

Very educational and practical; makes you think and gives you a road map to improve. Excellent instructor have employed many of these techniques, but never really thought about why. I believe it will help me improve and I will obtain better results.
Anonymous, 25-yr atty, 100+ adverse depos, Hanson & Bridgett

A highly practical seminar. Excellent speaker...funny, passionate provocative. Best video clips I've seen anywhere.
Anonymous, 5-yr atty, 60 adverse depos

Great seminar...it provides structure to much of what I feel instinctively so that now I have a framework to use in depositions. Great speaker...very complete and entertaining.
Stephen Sommers, 3-yr atty, 35 adverse depos

Very practical seminar. Excellent public speaker...engaging, entertaining and yet substantively informative. Seminar much more comprehensive than a deposition seminar...much more practical too. Puts depositions into context of litigation.
Ann, 7-yr atty

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. The best seminar I've attended.
S. Johnson, 28-yr atty, 500+ adverse depos

The theoretical framework presented is very valuable but I think I would like to see more civil litigation/lower-profile examples. Musante is well-polished, highly concentrated substance in delivery.
Anonymous, 1/2-yr atty

Excellent seminar...I will now attend the second seminar. Musante is fast, but that's how I think, so I like it...kept me from boredom. I'd attend this seminar again...most suck. I loved the fact that this seminar turned what I have learned on its head.

Brian Branine, 5-yr atty, 30+ adverse depos

Seminar information is incredibly important to maximizing the deposition "tool". Good use of Powerpoint and media.

Justin Litvack, 1-yr atty, 25 adverse depos

Seminar broadened my understanding of the opportunities to pin down A.D.s and gain an advantage in the case. Musante is fun and concise.

Anonymous, 8-yr atty, 20 adverse depos

The seminar provided practical tips that are readily useable. Excellent speaker. This is one of the best seminars I've attended.

Anonymous, 4-yr atty, 4 adverse depos

A very useful seminar. This seminar is far superior to any others.

Steve Ngo, 2-yr atty, 2 adverse depos

Useful and funny seminar...very effective speaker. Superior seminar.

Anonymous, 17-yr atty, many adverse depos

Helpful rules. The seminar gets you thinking about ways to improve your next deposition. Highly rated speaker.

Michael Horan, 16-yr atty, 15-20 adverse depos

Good practical seminar, but not as good as the impractical content. This was by far the highest-quality deposition seminar that I have ever attended.

Jacob Sider, 1-yr atty, 0 adverse depos

Content value was excellent. I hope I can learn to use it correctly and effectively. Musante is excellent at keeping the class interesting and informative. He projects well...I learned things I may not have had he been different.

Leanna Dawydiak

Very useful seminar...makes you look at the big picture and how depositions affect trials. Very good speaker. Excellent seminar.

Macus Colahiachi, 6-yr atty, 5 adverse depositions

Useful information that can be implemented with practice. Musante broke down complicated material into understandable parts.

Madeline Miller, 2-yr atty, 0 adverse depositions

Seminar made me think. Need more time to read material and analyze arguments to fully comprehend practical impact on weeding out and elucidating deception. Excellent speaker. Musante speaks and thinks very quickly...the audio/video examples clarified abstractions and thought process. Clips very helpful...thoroughly enjoyed subjects.

Anonymous

Effective and succinct material...should be helpful in honing deposition techniques. Musante is entertaining and easily understood. Kept the seminar lively.

Yano Rubinstein, 6-yr atty, 60+ adverse depositions

Useful content. Excellent teaching ability. Musante's enthusiasm is infectious. Good insights. Video clips effectively used to illustrate the talking points. The course gives me some strategy to deal with business people who have "memory lapses".

Anonymous, 22-yr atty, 70 adverse depositions

"Mastering the Toughest-to-Craft Credibility Arguments"

Excellent seminar; these issues arise regularly in everyday practice. Musante is the best...I've told others that he's my hero.

Peter Flores, Sacramento D.A.

It's almost like Mike Myers (comedian) grew intellectually and elected to teach deposition and cross examination tactics. The presentation is insightful and effective with a touch of humor. Energetic speaker!

Mike Wise, 11-yr atty, 20 adverse depositions

The seminar offered good tips to take with me. Musante is very animated and interested in the subject matter. Excellent video clips...proved all the points clearly.

April Molinelli, 1-yr atty

This seminar is really useful in pinning down the adverse liar...suggests a level of intensity that translates to trial--unlike any other depo seminar approach. This will help the quality of my depositions tremendously. Musante is very engaging, very well organized and logical.
John Bullock, 13-yr atty, 100 adverse depositions

Excellent seminar...I'm anxious to try them out. Fantastic speaker...entertaining and very instructive.
Dennis Pedersen, 31-yr atty, 100 adverse depositions

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"Great! Adverse Depositions: Principles and Principal Techniques"

Seminar definitely delivered. Extremely useful compilation of techniques and procedures for cross-examination at deposition. Excellent practical content, particularly the selection of videotapes and the clarity of the sound and pictures. Musante was outstanding. I'll take a better deposition as a result of this course, a day well spent.

Llewellyn E. Thompson, 30-yr atty, 150 depositions, Oakland

Practical and well-presented. Illustrated with attention-grabbing real-life video clips. Musante is enthusiastic, energetic and well-prepared. I will now work harder to bring deponents to committed positions so that I can use transcript with WHACK!

Keith Schirmer, 22-yr atty, 100+ depositions, Edrington, Schirmer & Murphy, Pleasant Hill

This course is packed with a great amount of practical content over a short period of time. Robert Musante is knowledgeable, energetic, enthusiastic and convincing. I expect to be much more competent and confident in taking depositions.

James Choate, 6-yr atty, 1 deposition, Guthrie Law Offices, Pleasanton

This seminar has completely changed my view of the purpose of the deposition and the way I will litigate my cases. Excellent instructor!

Andrew A. Smits, 12-yr atty, 75+ depositions

Highly practical, at a highly sophisticated level. Goes way beyond mere finding out the facts and locking in testimony.

Steven Miyake, 16-yr atty, 100+ depositions, Neal & Assoc.

Excellent! I took this seminar six years ago, so my set of rules was good, but the refresher has certainly helped. I am tenacious in getting a responsive answer and obtaining complete info. Thanks for helping me take much better depositions.

Peter Urhausen, 9-yr atty, 50+ depositions, Gibbons & Conley

Excellent practical content. Instructor terrific; most effective use of powerpoint I've seen. This will give me more confidence to follow my instincts.

Stuart Goldware, 24-yr atty, 150+ depositions, Frankel & Goldware, Danville

Very useful seminar. Musante is excellent! Thoroughly versed on subject. Audio and visual aids and sample testimony are very helpful.

Eileen Ring, 23-yr atty, 25 depositions, Concord

Very useful. I wish I had taken it before my last deposition. As good as any seminar I've taken.

Elizabeth Riles, 3-yr atty, 15 depositions, Kerosky & Bradley

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. Much better than most.

Paul Killion, 16-yr atty, 100+ depositions, Hancock, Rothert & Bunshoft

Excellent. Almost every matter involves a deposition; few invoke trial and every matter that settles does so to some degree because of the fruits of the deposition.

Best seminar yet ... honestly! Musante is an excellent communicator.

5-yr atty, 20 depositions

Great practical content and Musante is even better.

Nelson Heggen, 18-yr atty, too many depositions to count

Much higher practical content than all other courses I've taken. Provides nuts-and-bolts techniques instead of generalizations of limited usefulness. Musante is an excellent communicator; the course well thought out. He uses video examples of historical cases to bring principles home. It provides tools to utilize to recognize "crap" and avoid "crap" when taking depositions, techniques should work at trial as well. Everything was valuable.

Randall Wiens, 20-yr atty, 100+ depositions, San Ramon

The content was excellent. Musante did a good job. Logic is never wrong, but often invisible. Like fundamentals, there are no new ones, but most people don't know them. I am looking forward to using these new skills soon.

Ken Koenen, 1-yr atty, 2 depositions, Pleasanton

Great seminar! I have already learned so much more than what many senior attorneys seem to based on these rules. Musante is excellent, always kept us entertained and on our toes, which is half the battle. This seminar will greatly improve my depositions.

Monika Cooper, 5-yr atty, 10+ depos, Contra Costa County Counsel, Martinez

Extremely informative and helpful. Musante is very good, enlightening and knowledgeable. My depositions will be more thorough and complete.

C. (Mac) McBride, 25-yr atty, 60 depos, Vallejo

Far superior [to other CLEs]. Excellent practical content; moved far beyond orthodoxy. [This seminar's set of deposition rules] continues some of my instincts which I was somewhat afraid to follow...I won't be anymore! And, gave me many new rules and ideas. The link between depo and trial very potent.

Peter Lacques, 5-yr atty, 30 depos, San Francisco

Very helpful. Musante knows the subject matter is entertaining. This will make me better prepared, more aware of how I ask questions and pay closer attention to answers.

Zachary Lee, 1-yr atty, Youngman, Ericcson & Low, Walnut Creek

Very concise description of basic techniques that are often overlooked, ignored or forgotten. Musante is excellent -- lessons taught in examples. This will make me more diligent in locking up testimony, not settling for second or third-best answer.

Anonymous, 5-yr atty, 7 depos, Walnut Creek

Very practical. Knowledgeable teacher; keen insight into process. A gifted communicator. I believe it will help me "re-think" the process, where energy and focus are directed, obtaining more favorable results.

Timothy R. Wagner, 1 1/2-yr atty, 4 depos, Lafayette

Very practical. As an expert in taking courses, I can say Musante is easily in the top 5% with respect to teaching ability. I've taken this seminar before, about 6 years ago. It was very helpful then for an important depo. I expect it will be helpful again.

Edward Simone, 9-yr atty, 10 depos, Reiser & Simone, Walnut Creek

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. Visual aids were useful to break up the lecture format. This seminar has confirmed my suspicions that the conventional wisdom about the proper way to take adverse depositions was wrong. Now I'll feel confident about taking them the way I feel makes sense with the useful tips Musante has provided.

Shanel Yang, 10-yr atty, 20-30 depos, Archer Norris

Informative. Good qualitative material to support thesis. Musante cleared up myths of adverse depositions, and demonstrated power of a symmetrically architected deposition with clarity of example and metaphor.

Gary A. Cornwall, 22-yr atty

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. Invaluable! Best seminar taken!

Jeff Lerman, 20-yr atty, San Rafael

Stayed awake the whole time and didn't get any work done (that I had brought with me)...that's a FIRST! Enough said. [This seminar's practical content] hit the nail on the head.

Really enjoyed the approach to a deponent who says "I don't know... I don't recall...".

14-yr atty, 300 depositions, Oakland

Much more practical than other CLEs. I'm now excited instead of dreading my next depo.

3-yr atty, 1 depo, Oakland

Much more dynamic and related to my daily practice than other CLE seminars I've attended.

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. "Crap" is one of the best reminders re listening to the answer carefully. I do most, but not all of the things recommended. I hadn't really thought through why I did them. This seminar will make me reevaluate my techniques.

Tad Shapiro, 20-yr atty, 500-1000 depositions, Oakland

By far, best seminar I've attended. Much more practical knowledge than other CLEs; very relevant information. Musante has great energy; use of visual aids was instrumental.

1-yr atty, 15-20 depositions, Oakland

Excellent practical content, great examples. Musante was excellent -- puts his all into it -- very creative. [Seminar's set of depo rules] clearer than mine; most can be used immediately; I'm eager to apply them.

Constance McNeil, 3-yr atty, 10 depositions, Oakland

Very clear and lots more interesting than most seminars. Great practical content! Would recommend to others. Musante very enthusiastic, very clear; very interesting.

2-yr atty, 1 depo, Oakland

A "10" compared to the usual "6" [of other CLEs]. Great practical content; Excellent instructor; Jesuit-like. Sensational set of depo rules.

Mark Bostick, 16-yr atty, 60 depositions, Oakland

Seminar delivered. The rules were presented in a straightforward, easily understandable manner. Very good practical content. Great enthusiasm. Great use of demonstrative info/videos, etc.
Jennifer Randlett, 3-yr atty, 15 depos, Oakland

This is the best seminar I've taken. This is the stuff you don't learn in law school and you can't really learn it on the fly. Excellent practical content! Excellent instructor!
Michelle Clowser, 1 1/2 yr-atty, 30 depos, Oakland

Very useful information and better in presentation than most others. Excellent content and logical presentation that flowed well and was easy to follow. Very dynamic [instructor] and lively presentation. Kept the time moving.
I found [Musante] to be an excellent teacher and it is clearly [his] gift. The overlap of classical education references, historical references and religious protocols was very compelling and entertaining. [Musante] kept me interested and amused. While 6 1/2 hours is a very long time, it seems at that length [he] might as well go the little bit more to 7 or 8 to fully flesh it out. [Musante] is dynamic enough of a speaker to keep the audience with him and attentive.
Elizabeth C. A. Johnson, 9-yr atty, 20 depos

Musante shares his practical experience in a thoughtful (i.e., considered) presentation; it's the stuff you don't find in "CLE" presentations. Very practical. In generic terms applicable to civil cases, Musante suggests what to do -and tells you why- and what not to do -and why. [Musante] is effective, personable, enjoyable, a good teacher [who] knows how to convey what he's clearly taken the time to think through.
Daneen Flynn, 22-year atty

Ten times better [than other CLE seminars]! Well worth my time. Excellent, engaging and entertaining.
1 1/2-year atty, 10 depos

Superior to almost all others [CLEs] I have attended. It reminded me to think through future depo strategies. [The seminar] was very effective and educational - gave us some helpful strategies in dealing w/ common issues and problems in depos. [Mr. Musante] is excellent! He is able to keep the course extremely interesting, lively and entertaining, while imparting a lot of helpful and practical information. (He's also very charismatic, like the Tony Robbins of the MCLE set!)
13-year atty

VERY practical. Superior [practical content]. Superior [teaching ability]. [Most useful aspect] was impeachment tactics.

Glenna Wright, 15-year atty, Many depositions

Excellent [compared to other CLEs]. Excellent [practical content]. Excellent [Musante]. BEST!
David Hill, 25-year atty, 100+ depositions

One of the better [CLEs] I have attended. Interesting, well-paced, good use of visual material. Presentation and audio-visuals are excellent. [Musante] is excellent, one of the best I've seen. [Most useful aspect] was use of real life videos to illustrate points.
Rich Wilbur, 20-year atty, 1000 depositions

More dynamic, more relevant, more practical, more entertaining [than other CLEs]. [Musante] is passionate about the topic, actually makes me look forward to my next deposition.
9-year atty

More valuable than any other deposition technique presentation I have ever seen. The best explanation of the art of cross-examination I have ever seen. [Musante] is excellent. Lost me a few times, but I take responsibility for that. It strengthened my resolve to keep going in the face of all the meritless "asked and answered" objections.
Mary Cain, 15-year atty, 100+ depositions

Musante's insights were compelling and precisely portrayed. I feel like I've just obtained 10 years of deposition experience. I appreciated its applicability to all areas of law. Loved the high energy and focus of Musante. Keeps the course on schedule. Provided techniques to "lead" the deponent to the answers I want.
Amber Mied, 1-year atty, 10 depositions

Awesome. Dynamic speaker, fast-paced presentation. Ten on a scale of 1-10. I feel like I want to take his course at Boalt. [Musante] is excellent, demanding, dynamic.
Steven Miyake, 13-year atty, 100+ depositions

More bang for the CLE buck in practical and substantive material applicable to my practice. The practical content of this program is very strong. Musante's quick pace delivery and command of the subject matter are compelling. [Most useful aspect] obtaining a philosophy and working approach for winning at trial.
Charles L. Thoeming, 17-yr atty, 50+ depositions

Superior [compared to other CLEs]. Excellent practical content. Excellent instructor.
20-yr atty, 200 depositions

Better than most; very informative. Excellent practical content. Excellent instructor. Good use of videos to emphasize points.
20-yr atty, 100+ depositions

Outstanding [compared to other CLEs]. Good to excellent practical content. Outstanding [instructor].
25-yr atty, 15 depositions

Probably the most useful "nuts &" seminar I've taken. Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. [Most useful aspect] attacking "memory lapses" of witness and vague answers.
Ken Pritikin, 12-yr atty, 50 depositions

I felt that Musante's use of step by step "how to's" was very beneficial; most other MCLEs offer conclusions without a step by step approach. [Overall evaluation] a 10! [Musante] is excited about teaching and really knows his content. He keeps the student interested all the way through.
Victoria Santa Maria, 1-yr atty, 0 depositions

Most "official" MCLE seminars are little more than lists of citations and codes -- this one teaches technique and strategy. [Instructor] excellent -- never boring. [Most useful aspect] practical strategy for making depositions pay off.
Susan Guberman-Garcia

This [seminar] was much more effective [than other CLEs] in terms of practical application; very well presented too. Excellent practical content. Excellent instructor.
Ines Fraenkel, 17-yr atty, 100+ depositions

Much better than other CLEs. Musante packed more practical information into one day than I would have thought possible. Excellent instructor.
Lawrence W. Hutchings, 30-yr atty, 100 depositions

Very educational. Well organized and informative, a lot of practical material available for preparing for and using during depositions. [Musante] energetic and able to use real life examples to show what he was teaching.
Margalo Weissman, 1 1/2-yr atty, 0 depositions

This seminar represents an important intellectual achievement and was very useful to me. Excellent practical content. Excellent instructor.
Walter Rosen

Superior to most CLE seminars. Useful practical pointers. "A" grade for Mr. Musante.
25-yr atty, 200 depositions

Very good seminar, practical advice, very focused. Musante is very knowledgeable, good insight into the "discipline" of taking depositions; very practical hands-on teaching style. Engaging.
Anonymous, Miller Angstadt, Walnut Creek

Seminar really makes sense...I cannot wait to apply it. Musante knows [subject matter] cold. This information is widely applicable. I feel bad for my next few adverse deponents.
Noah Blechman, 6-yr atty, 35 depositions, McNamara Dodge

Outstanding seminar...very compellingly presented and defended. Absolutely superior speaker...one of the very best I've ever experienced. This seminar topic was exceptional, and one of the best investments of time I can recall. A very eye-opening experience and teaching style...it gave me much to think about and use.
Pat Sweeney, 35-yr atty, 30 depositions, McNamara Dodge

Excellent! Well above average. One of the BEST MCLE classes I have taken. Excellent points highlighted by good examples and anecdotes. Excellent, A++ instructor.
11-yr atty, 100 depositions

Very good. Should be called "Killer Cross-Exams and Depositions".
8-yr atty, 100 depositions

This is the second time I've taken [this seminar]. The first was in 6/95. The only other program that compares is Bryan Garner's "The Winning Brief". Excellent practical content. Excellent instructor.
5-yr atty, 20 depositions

Very high in practical content. I learned a lot. I am trying to learn how to do my first PI case after 20 years of administrative hearings and administrative writs -- I feel a lot more comfortable about how to proceed.
16-yr atty, 2 depositions

Best. I've been looking/waiting for a seminar on taking depositions that had some substance. Spectacular practical content. [Most useful aspect] the how-to, the logic.
4-yr atty, 10-15 depositions

One of the most enjoyable and beneficial seminars I've attended. The content is well-organized and logical [Instructor] energetic, fast-paced delivery.
9-yr atty, 200 depositions

Vastly superior -- effective combination of useful info and strong delivery. Good tools and insights not available in books. Excellent presentation.
13 yr atty, 25 depositions

Best I've taken. Excellent practical content. Excellent instructor. [Most useful aspect] gathering techniques into learnable format.
11-yr atty, 700 depositions

This is one of the best practical, well taught seminars I have ever attended. Excellent, mesmerizing, compelling practical content. Interesting, multi-media, liveliness make it easier to learn
18-yr atty, 15 depositions

Very practical. Lots of specific examples. I found both to be very helpful. Good overview and good in the details. Also good in terms of real world, simple-speak analysis. The examples were very helpful, especially together with the written outline.
4-yr atty, 7 depositions

Very engaging, very helpful. The first CLE seminar I did not fall asleep during.
6-yr atty, 20+ depositions

Musante is a "must" for any serious litigator.
6-yr atty, 25 depositions

More fast-paced and interesting [than other CLEs]. Excellent lecturer. Very entertaining. Held my interest.
10-yr atty, 30 depositions

Very good -- much more useful than another CLE seminar I took regarding depositions, which was mostly war stories. Excellent practical content. Excellent instructor.

6-yr atty, 6 depos

Top of the mark. Excellent practical content. Whole new perspective and hope for conducting future depos. Creative approach, practical; reasonable; the info gets inside--Great! [Most useful aspect] real life examples woven into techniques; also, killing the myths!

2-yr atty, 5 depos

This is a great seminar! I learned a lot and reinforced thing I already knew. Good materials and presentation. I will recommend it to other litigators. Good examples to demonstrate reasons behind the recommendations. Good advice for the taking of a deposition. [Instructor] very engaging. Good use of multimedia to keep audience involved. Much better than typical panel format. Started and finished on time. [Most useful aspect] points about using impeachment at deposition -- most other courses don't advocate this.

12-yr atty, 50 depos

Vastly superior, more informative than "Negotiate like the Pros". I wish I could retake 1/2 of my prior depos. [Instructor] energetic, very informative, easy to follow. [Most useful aspect] practical examples of the logic concepts.

9-yr atty, 100 depos

Very good seminar, practical advice, very focused. Musante is very knowledgeable, good insight into the "discipline" of taking depos; very practical hands-on teaching style. Engaging.
Anonymous, Miller Angststadt, Walnut Creek

One of the best on depos I've ever had. Excellent practical content. Excellent instructor.
23-yr atty, 100 depos

Comments from [San Jose](#) area attorneys who attended "Great! Adverse Depositions: Principles and Principal Techniques" and/or "Mastering the Toughest-to-Craft Credibility Arguments"

Excellent. Experience is a great teacher, but Musante's analysis puts this to the next level. Musante is excellent; he possesses good presentation skills and packs the most knowledge into short vignettes. Much better than other full-day litigation seminars - there is a very good litigation map given that gives us the most knowledge in a short time.

James A. Bratton, 27-yr atty, 100+ adverse depos, San Jose

Great practical content. Musante does a good job, very entertaining.
Hana Callaghan, 3-yr atty, 1 adverse depo, Mount & Stoelker, San Jose

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor.

Krista Carter, 1 1/2-yr atty, Day, Casebeer, Madrid & Batchelder, Cupertino

Excellent. Best deposition seminar. Very enjoyable and helpful. Musante is very lively.

Richard Brennen, San Jose City Attorney's Office

Helpful, insightful, thought-provoking. Compared to other training courses, this is one of the better ones.

John Firoetta, 20-yr atty, Office of the District Attorney, Santa Clara

Excellent instructor; got right to the basics, gave the building blocks; gave me focus and a method to analyze my cross-examinations.

Margaret Glenn-Scheer, 6-yr atty, 6 adverse depositions, Adelson, Testan, Brundo & Poplaro, San Jose

Daily usefulness. This seminar gives concepts that can be used every day. Musante is logical, straightforward, uses looping and example to continually shed brighter light on concepts that had not been taught before.

Helene Marie Ambrose, 1-yr atty, LaMore, Brazier, Riddle & Giampaoli, San Jose

A+ practical content; A+ instructor. Far, far more valuable than NITA.

Chad Walsh, 2-yr atty, 2 adverse depositions, Townsend & Townsend & Crew, Palo Alto

I highly recommend this seminar. It will tremendously improve the quality of the depositions I will take from now on.

Keaton Parekh, 5-yr atty, 20+ depositions, Wilson, Sonsini, Goodrich & Rosati, San Jose

Excellent -- an epiphany -- Musante shook me awake today!

Jon Parsons, 23-yr atty, 250 depositions, Palo Alto

Very effective, applicable to my day-to-day practice. Musante is articulate and thorough. I learned the value of focusing and preparation. I also learned how to pursue a witness to truly pin down testimony.

Jeff Rickard, 16-yr atty, 100-150 depositions, Pedersen, Sheik & Brodies, San Jose

Excellent! A terrific teacher, Mr. Musante is engaging, entertaining and knowledgeable. I'm more willing now to use the "hidden fact" at deposition, ask pointed and leading uncomfortable questions, and repeat good answers throughout the deposition.

Ken Van Vleck, 9-yr atty, 100 depositions, Thoits, Love, Hershberger & McLean, San Jose

Excellent instructor. Very good practical content; gets to the heart of the most difficult issues.

Mitchell Ehrlich, 3-yr atty, 100 depositions, Lonich & Patton, San Jose

Seminar delivered without a doubt. It's not even in the same universe as other CLEs, much more to the point and universally applicable. Practical content was fantastic!! Both entertaining and extremely informative. Instructor was better than I, and I have an extremely high regard for my own teaching technique. This seminar must be taught in every law school...after I retire!

30-yr atty, 300 depositions, San Jose

Excellent. Especially good at emphasizing use of deposition for settlement and trial purposes. Great video tape examples. I was very impressed with this course.

18-yr atty, 100s depositions, San Jose

I will use all of the material in upcoming depositions. Mr. Musante is excellent. Teaching by example makes the topic more interesting. I will no longer hesitate to impeach the deponent whereas prior to this seminar I was under the impression that such questions should be saved for trial. Also, I will integrate the pieces of prior answers to state the obvious conclusion.

Eileen P. Kennedy, 6-yr atty, 20 depositions, Berliner Cohen, San Jose

Very useful. Examples were helpful and entertaining. Musante is excellent. I think I take a quality deposition, but I know I let a lot of "crap" go by that I will now recognize.

Alexis McKenna, 3-yr atty, 40-50 depositions, San Jose

Beats all others! Excellent practical content; excellent, almost spellbinding instructor.

Anthony Santucci, 5 depositions, San Jose

Seminar delivered. Excellent practical content; provides structure for knowledge gained over long experiences, thought through by a good teacher.

Ronald H. Wecht, 24-yr atty, 1,000+ depositions, San Jose

Higher than the usual quality of CLEs; excellent practical content; excellent instructor.

Norman E. MacKay, 25-yr atty, 75+ depositions, San Jose

Much better than other CLEs. The combined use of analytical tools and graphics was great. [The seminar's set of deposition rules] similar to mine, but much more systematic.
Julian Hubbard, 18-yr atty, 200 depos, San Jose

Seminar better than others I've attended. Practical content contains concepts which can be implemented easily and quickly. Instructor very active and knowledgeable, puts his ideas across well.
1-yr atty, 1 depo, San Jose

Seminar delivered! I think many attorneys lack this information and would benefit from this course. Very practical and informative.
3-month atty, 0 depos, San Jose

I feel more confident in approaching a deposition intelligently. Mr. Musante is delivering good and very useful information; he is a very effective teacher.
4-month atty, 0 depos, San Jose

Other seminars on depositions covered only battleship grid -- this one gives a guideline to getting into someone's head. Practical content was excellent. This is the only class I know of to quantify and qualify. Very good instructor.
14-yr atty, 100 depos, San Jose

Excellent. It gave me insight into setting up cross-examinations. Musante's enthusiasm is key.
Anonymous, San Jose

Very good. Superior compared to other full-day seminars. I'd begun to think that depos were not important ... Musante has changed that impression.
Anonymous, 16-yr atty, 15-20 adverse depos, San Jose

Incredibly practical. Musante is great. Seminar too short, but very important. Will force me to focus on the form of the questions I pose, and force me to listen to deponent's answers more carefully.
Anonymous, 2-yr atty, San Jose

Lots of good information and core ideas to transfer to multiple areas of law. Musante is very interesting and informative.
Anonymous, 1 1/2-yr atty, 10 adverse depos, San Jose

Well worth the time and money. I give Musante high marks. Careful, well-prepared, listens closely to questions asked. Will reinforce good habits and help to build many more.
Anonymous, 10-yr atty, San Jose

It was a useful and entertaining overview that provokes thought on the topic of taking a deposition. Musante "grew" on me ... by the end of the day, I was convinced. This was a wake-up call to avoid falling into the habit of only conducting interviews.
Anonymous, 11-yr atty, 500+ depositions, San Jose

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor.
Anonymous, Hinshaw Law Firm

Tops! Excellent instructor ... I didn't yawn once.
Anonymous, 1-yr atty, San Jose

Comments from members of the Association of Defense Counsel of Northern California and Nevada (ADCNC) who attended "Attacking the Expert's Opinion" and/or "Attacking the Expert's Pedestal"

"Attacking the Expert's Opinion"

The seminar is a helpful reminder of how to apply the content. Speaker kept me interested in the subject matter.

Joseph Nykodym, 30 expert depositions

This is great stuff for all litigators. Musante is very good...his style is informative and entertaining at the same time.
Bruce Imai, 400 expert depositions

Very good seminar. I like the scientific formula applied to every expert opinion. Musante is a very engaging speaker and he uses an actual case to illustrate concepts, rather than teaching in a vacuum.

Jeffrey Jan Bedell, 5 expert depositions

A very practical seminar. Musante is effective in consolidating complicated material with useful examples.

Melissa Erline, 10+ expert depositions

A good and helpful seminar...very enthusiastic speaker. The seminar is better than others. The seminar will help to obtain all factors and rate them...how the expert forms an opinion.

Linda Schaep, 25 expert depositions

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. Loved the Powerpoints.
Melissa Holmes

A helpful seminar...clear presentation and entertaining. The seminar will be very useful as I start taking expert depositions.
Jeffrey Long, 1 expert depo

Interesting analysis...solid discussion. Musante is entertaining, clear, dry wit. The seminar will assist with preparation and anticipating adverse testimony regarding "certainty".
Bryan Malone, 75+ expert depositions

The seminar refocuses me on what I'm trying to achieve at an expert depo. Musante is excellent...keeps your attention, entertaining, fast-paced. The seminar focused me on additional methods to flush out areas of attack of the adverse expert; focus on the adverbs and adjectives used by the expert. Baden was a good teaching technique.
Keith Chidlaw, 100 expert depositions

Outstanding speaker! Very informative and useful examples and video excerpts.
Anonymous, 50+ expert depositions

Comments from California attorneys general who attended "Attacking the Expert's Opinion" and/or "Attacking the Expert's Pedestal"

More informative and better instructor than other litigation-skills seminars I've taken. Very good practical content and excellent instructor.
Chuck French

Excellent! I like that it is designed to work with any expert on any topic. Informative, entertaining, better than most!
Eric Christoffersen

Excellent overview of the "science of depositions". Emphasis on strategies is very helpful. Better than CEB course which focused too much on rules and statutes, rather than actual strategies. Instructor is entertaining and keeps interest.
Anonymous

Comparable to the best. Entertaining as well as informative. Excellent practical content and excellent instructor.

Anonymous

The class was very good. I learned a lot of information. Instructor is very knowledgeable and has a great teaching style.

Anonymous

This seminar was better than most other seminars. Very applicable to my practice. Found all of the information to be useful.

Anonymous

Above average. Excellent content. Would be of great use to AG's civil attorneys. Instructor keeps things moving and interesting.

Anonymous

Great topics. Very good instructor. Good practical content.

Brett Morgan

Superior compared to other litigation-skills seminars. Very positive and informative. Gave me much to think about. Excellent instructor.

Anonymous

Very helpful practical content. Very strong instructor. High value seminar.

Anonymous

Excellent practical content. Excellent instructor. Very straightforward and open, enjoyable. Good outline, fire pace.

Anonymous

Very good practical content. Excellent instructor.

Anonymous

Comments from Los Angeles [area attorneys who attended "Attacking the Expert's Opinion" and/or "Attacking the Expert's Pedestal"](#)

Excellent practical content. A lot of good, hard and specific examples of how to question an expert. Much more practical than most, not just theory, but real examples for the practitioner. Not boring or redundant after yesterday's "Adverse" seminar; a good synopsis of previous day

which just enhanced it. The "expert" chart is a little intimidating at first, but so well broken down.

Kimberly Smith, 10 expert depositions, Berger Kahn Shafton, Los Angeles

Dick Vitale's enthusiasm and Brother William's (Eco's "The Name of the Rose") logic and epistemology = Musante on Experts. Outstanding instructor. There are 3 persons in 1 god: Younger, McElhaney and Musante. All others are mere mortals.

Kevin Connelly, dozens of expert depositions, Connelly, Sheehan, Moran

Excellent. Well-prepared. Logical. Relevant.

Javier Van Oordt, 75 expert depositions, Newport Beach

A deposition class for the lawyer who enjoys using his brain and treats law as a career, not a job! Excellent instructor. Rather than just giving you a script, it teaches you to listen and apply rules.

Anonymous, 100s of expert depositions, Newport Beach

Best seminar I've ever attended. Musante is A+.

Bob Foster, 5-7 expert depositions, Newport Beach

Excellent practical content. Outstanding instructor. Loaded with hands-on practical information. The lecture, coupled with outline is more effective than seminars presented with voluminous reading material. The use of the power point presentation is great to reinforce the lecture. One is never too old to learn new techniques.

John P. O'Brien, 10 expert depositions, Newport Beach

Excellent! Musante is excellent and entertaining. More info and good advice than any seminar I've ever attended.

Judy McDonough, Newport Beach

Great practical content! Great instructor! I can't wait to test the "logic" on my next expert.

Mark Shoemaker, 5-10 expert depositions, Los Angeles

Very helpful. Takes the mystique out of experts and makes them seem fallible too. Musante's "bells and whistles" help keep attention, which is 1/2 the battle in helping people learn the good info.

Meredith Todd, 20 expert depositions, Los Angeles

Very interesting content. Musante is excellent. Very good analysis of "logic" and "Opinion" attacks.

Joan E. Lewis-Heard, 100 expert depositions, Nagler & Assoc., Los Angeles

Very instructive half-day seminar. Great audiovisual presentation. Sound logic, good content telling us lines of attacks on expert conclusions.

Ammon Khan, 4-5 expert depositions, Christensen, Miller, Fink, et al., Los Angeles

This is a rarity! This is an honest man providing live in-front-of-you real-time practical content of extraordinary value! It matters to him not just to talk, but to teach. Compared to other seminars, this is the best!

Wayne Morrow, 20+ expert depositions, Los Angeles

Excellent seminar. Excellent and extremely insightful practical content. Fantastic presentation, conveyed the information very effectively. Illustrated the concepts with TV cross-footage very well. "Logic" made perfect sense to me.

Robert Brown, Los Angeles

Musante is very talented. This seminar is as good as yesterday's ("Adverse") and better than others. Very applicable to deposing construction defect experts.

Karen Baytosh, Newport Beach

Excellent! I wish I began my career learning from Musante. 1,000 times better than other half-day seminars.

Marci Smith, O'Melveny & Myers, Los Angeles

Musante is very good; very focused; very conscientious; good use of audio-visual aids; obviously well-prepared and knowledgeable. The bottom line of the seminar is logic. Musante was able to distill the conceptual rules of logic from what works for him in deposition in a very effective way.

Dean Weinreich, 2 expert depositions, Silver Hadden & Silver, Santa Monica

OUTSTANDING. I wish I had taken this course years ago. Musante is also outstanding. With concentration and application, it should improve the quality of my adverse expert depositions at least 100%!

LA City Attorney, 30-50 expert depositions, Los Angeles

Great practical content. Excellent instructor. This was more exciting, memorable and organized than other half-day seminars.

Amanda DeJesus, 8 expert depositions, Cal Trans Legal Division, Los Angeles

Very helpful and realistic, provides a practical real way to plan to question an expert, as well as how to listen to them and get specifics on the record at the least, and maybe with skill, start argument. Musante is excellent and thorough. The reasoning is good, and as a new attorney, it

is a relief to consider a depo as trial, because I welcome the opportunity to practice trial skills at places other than trial.

Julie Del Rivo, Los Angeles

Great examples from real life cases and arguments; great energy and insights. Should greatly improve my depositions.

Judy Lam, 2 expert depositions, Alschuler, Grossman, Stein & Kahan, Los Angeles

Impressive, useful, clear, organized, unarguably persuasive.

Mark Lowerre, Manhattan Beach

Very relevant and helpful seminar. Musante is excellent with clear command of content. It will certainly improve my expert depositions; my confidence and understanding of the task has been greatly improved.

Anonymous, 3 expert depositions, Santa Monica

Very useful practical content and very good instructor. Real-life examples very good teaching tool.

Jessica Wolff, Los Angeles

Excellent! Everything today was meaty material. Very sound "logic." Most insightful in breaking down what seems so "innocent." Excellent examples of techniques.

Anonymous, Los Angeles

One of top 10 I've seen in 30 years for practical content. Haven't been to a better seminar on "expert" depositions. Musante uses state of art communications. He wants students to understand and that makes a huge difference.

Anonymous, Santa Monica attorney

Excellent practical content. Excellent instructor.

Anonymous, 30 expert depositions, Los Angeles

Beyond compare! Excellent content and excellent instructor.

Anonymous, Los Angeles

Superior compared to other like seminars! Very good and well-conceived practical content. Musante is very good, passionate and witty.

Anonymous, Los Angeles

Highly useful and practical. Musante is great; uses props well and is amusing at times. Very sound "logic" and very useful "Opinion" attacks.
Anonymous, Los Angeles

Musante is very good. Keeps audience alert. The use of real-life examples was an excellent and entertaining way to demonstrate points.
Anonymous, Los Angeles

Both the content and the instructor were effective and interesting. There was a tremendous amount of information provided -- couldn't write fast enough!
Anonymous, Los Angeles

Comments from [Orange County](#) area attorneys who attended "Attacking the Expert's Opinion" and/or "Attacking the Expert's Pedestal"

Excellent, more detail and practical content than any other. Musante is excellent. Will significantly help me organize my attack of expert opinions at depo ... and defend my own expert.
Roy Comer, 50+ expert depositions, Borchard & Baur, Mission Viejo

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. Will improve the quality of my adverse expert depositions 100%.
Sindee Smolowitz, 7-10 expert depositions, Sall & Smolowitz, Laguna Beach

Musante is excellent, passionate and informative. Very logical, very good practical content.
Mike Glover, 10+ expert depositions, Laguna Hills

Good analytical framework for working through the many assumptions and sub-opinion that form the ultimate propositions. Musante is very good. Lots of material covered.
Scott Lehecka, 15-20 expert depositions, Hanna & Morton, LLP, Los Angeles

Between 1-10, a 10! Musante is great! Much more interesting and helpful seminar than others. I didn't need to be here as I already have my CLE credits ... I'm glad I came!
Ann Feather, 2 expert depositions, Fullerton

Very high value to practical content. Musante is excellent. Compared to other "expert" deposition seminars, it's 10-to-one in favor of this one. I expect to see a dramatic improvement in my expert depositions; I had few, vague rules before, now I have rules I believe are true.
Anonymous, 200 expert depositions, Santa Ana

Very helpful. Breaks down the subject in a very logical way. Musante is engaging and interesting. It will dramatically change the way I take expert depositions ... for the better.
Anonymous, 10 expert depositions, Costa Mesa

Great seminar. Very useful. Excellent instructor.
Anonymous, 2 expert depositions

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. Superior to others. Today's (and yesterday's "Adverse" seminar) seminar changed the way I will take depositions and trials. I now have a set of rules and a different focus. I was not here for CLE! I was here to be a better lawyer, and the good news is that I learned a lot and was entertained!!
Anonymous, "many" expert depositions, Orange

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. Very helpful in organizing a method of verifying and/or challenging an expert's opinion.
Anonymous, 10-20 expert depositions

This seminar is worth every cent; most other deposition seminars are meaningless, "story-time" for the instructors. Very useful; I can use this material immediately. Musante is excellent. Will substantially improve my expert depositions!
Anonymous, Santa Ana

Excellent practical content; very effective instructor. Will improve my expert depositions 100% ... I now have a system that I can use.
Anonymous, 10 expert depositions, Brea

Comments from Sacramento area attorneys who attended "Attacking the Expert's Opinion" and/or "Attacking the Expert's Pedestal"
"Attacking the Expert's Opinion"
Very informative, practical and useful seminar. Musante is excellent...very entertaining and engaging. One of the best seminars I have attended. I was never bored (for once!). This seminar is much better and much more useful than others.
Kellie Murphy, 20 expert depositions

Great information...I feel like I will use everything I learned today. Musante did a great job at crystallizing the information and making it manageable. This seminar will help improve the quality of my depositions 1000%.

Lisa Nicolls, Murphy Austin et al

This seminar is excellent. Musante is phenomenal. This seminar is so much better than others that I no longer attend any others. There is no comparison.

Anonymous

Excellent seminar...provides useful tools for taking expert depositions and confirmed my suspicion that it makes no sense to leave rocks unturned. Musante is excellent...engaging...kept my interest and attention.

Christa McKinny, 8 expert depositions

Extremely helpful seminar. Outstanding speaker...dynamic...great sense of humor. Best seminar I've attended.

Anonymous, 50+ expert depositions

Very valuable seminar...Musante is excellent.

Mary-Alice Coleman

Excellent seminar...very helpful to those who have never taken an expert deposition. Musante is very engaging...never dull...amusing.

Marc Koengsberg

This seminar is more practical than one can imagine. A "10" out of "10".

Anonymous, 10 expert depositions

Extremely highly rated seminar...best ever! Highest value of this seminar compared to others.

Peter Samuel, 500 expert depositions, Samuel & Samuel, Fair Oaks

As a practical matter, Musante provided me with invaluable advice on tactical considerations regarding when to exploit an AE's inconsistencies at trial--deposition--and also how to exploit personality characteristics. Musante has very high energy, stamina...he's entertaining, witty, interesting.

Anthony McClaren

Definitely useful seminar...excellent speaker. As an expert, I found this seminar more useful than others.

Anonymous

Excellent practical content. No comparison to other "expert" deposition seminars ... this is actually useful. Will improve my expert depos immensely.

Danielle Guard, 30+ expert depos, Wilke, Fleury, Hoffelt, Gould & Birney

Musante is excellent. Lots of knowledge, lots of energy, entertaining.

Victor A. Bertolani, 200+ expert depos

This is the best. Helpful for attacking experts and for preparing my experts.

Stephen A. Cain, 200 expert depos, Rancano & Rancano

Superior compared to other "expert" deposition seminars. This course is effective at defining the logic of expert opinions. Musante is excellent.

Tom Barth, 30 expert depos, Kronick, Moscovitz, Tiedemann & Girard

Excellent practical content. Musante is truly a gifted teacher.

Tom Walker, 40 expert depos

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. Will significantly improve my adverse expert depositions.

Raymond Sham, 15 expert depos, Duncan, Ball & Evans

Better than all others I've attended.

Robert Lovein, 25 expert depos, Anwyl, Scoffield, Stepp & Universal

Very relevant and helpful. Excellent instructor. Will help me a great deal to dissect and attack experts' opinions.

Michael Rahn, 50-60 expert depos, Rahn, Holbrook & Murphy

Great practical content; great instructor.

Andreas Rockas, 5-8 expert depos, Lewis, Brisbois, Bisgaard & Smitho

Excellent, logical application of skills necessary to take and expert's deposition. Musante is excellent; keeps subject interesting with use of examples, analysis and a sense of humor. More

practical and analytical than others. Enhances "experiential" learning by simplifying the thought process and enhancing listening skills.

James A. Bratton, 25+ expert depositions

Excellent and useful practical content. Musante reflects a sincere effort to communicate and teach something of value. The "opinion attacks" were excellent and useful. The chart is a very impressive work; succinct, cogent and workable.

Max Luger, 100s expert depositions

Much more practical than other litigation-skills seminars. Musante is very energetic and informative.

Matthew Cheever

Excellent program. Very helpful, efficient and compact. Excellent instructor. Distilled the content to its essence. Excellent discussion of "opinion attacks".

Christopher E. Judge, 20 expert depositions

Very good, understandable and entertaining (always a plus!). Much better than other CLE seminars.

Celia Bernal, 15+ expert depositions

Excellent, dynamic, coherent, honest and useful. I was surprised, just as with the "Adverse" seminar, that I could still learn new [expert] questions after 19 years.) Musante is very dynamic, personable and helpful. Makes "simple" things truly simple and straightforward. Far better than most other seminars.

Pete Pullen, 150 expert depositions

Excellent! One of the best I've ever seen.

Anonymous, 50 expert depositions

Excellent. Very good/entertaining and informative.

Anonymous, 5 expert depositions

Excellent practical content. Thanks for the breakthroughs. Very specific, compared to other CLE seminars, but helpful. Good use of videos.

Michelle Fogliani

Outstanding. More comprehensive than other CLE seminars. Can't wait to try out the "Opinion" attacks.

Peter Williams, 10 expert depositions

Excellent seminar. Definitely more substantive than other half-day litigation-skills seminars. Super "Opinion" attacks.

Kiersta Perlee, 3 expert depositions

Very useful ideas. The analytical framework is very helpful. Musante was excellent. More information in this seminar compared to other half-day seminars.

Anonymous, a "handful" of expert depositions

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. Best half-day seminar I've attended. Excellent "Opinion" attacks.

William S. Loughman, 100 expert depositions

Excellent!

Glenn Nunes, 7 expert depositions

Intense compared to other half-day seminars. Musante is exceptional. Valuable practical content.

Anonymous

Excellent practical content. Excellent instructor. Superior compared to other half-day seminars.

Anonymous, 5 expert depositions

Excellent. Entertaining, informative, lots of really useful suggestions. Greatly exceeds others because it addresses new ideas, techniques that are not commonly discussed.

Anonymous

Good stuff! A+ instructor. Will improve my depositions greatly.

Anonymous, 75 adverse depositions

By far the best. Very applicable. Excellent instructor. First CLE I've attended not dominated by esoteric war stories.

Anonymous, 1 adverse deposition

Comments from [San Diego](#) area attorneys who attended "Attacking the Expert's Opinion" and/or "Attacking the Expert's Pedestal"

I have taken many depositions but after Musante's seminar I drove home kicking myself over the last two I took. I wish I had these tools then. More practical and useful than most other CLEs.

Kim Brogan, 150+ expert depos

Excellent! Many, many useful and practical and "new" approaches to old problems. Musante is very animated and dedicated. Humorous and honest. Seminar is practical, hands-on and can be used tomorrow.

William Bender, 10-15 expert depos

Excellent. Presented in a focused and fascinating way.

Kim Marie Staron, San Diego

Excellent practical content; terrific teacher. Very sound and highly useful logic; as experts are usually logic-minded, it is best to fight fire with fire. The "opinion" attacks are a thorough and insightful approach to sniffing out the "bs" factors in the expert's opinion and attacking them.

Steven J. Wedel, Center for Disability Access, San Diego

Far superior to others. Very practical; excellent logic.

100 expert depos, San Diego

Outstanding instructor. Outstanding logic. Much, much better than other like seminars.

J.P.Lisiscki, 10 expert depos, San Diego

Excellent practical content. Superb instructor. Exceeds all others. The deposition logic is irrefutable.

Paul Staley, San Diego

Superior compared to other CLEs. Logic and clear plan of attack vs. relying on instincts that can come and go at each particular deposition. Excellent practical content and excellent instructor.

70 expert depos

Excellent! practical content. Excellent instruction.

6 expert depos

Although I'm at the beginning of my career, the practical applications of the content appear enormous. Musante is outstanding. Impressed upon me the importance of using the deposition to win the trial.

Joel Mason, San Diego attorney

Excellent. Much more useful than the average litigation-skills seminar. Extremely valuable "opinion" attacks.

10 expert depositions, San Diego

Excellent! Musante has organized the amorphous!

H.K. Colby, 25 expert depositions

One of the best. Very dynamic speaker; excellent practical content.

Anonymous, San Diego

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor.

100+ expert depositions, San Diego

Excellent!

Blaise J. Jackson, 35-50 expert depositions, San Diego

Excellent, well thought-out and organized.

Doug Easton, 100+ expert depositions, San Diego

Very practical; I can see how to incorporate the material in my next deposition. I now know deposition=trial, and I will get everything from the expert at deposition and won't hold anything back.

2 expert depositions, San Diego

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. It will help me to focus not on the opinion itself and whether I agree with the opinion, but on what rule, if any, the expert applied in making the opinion.

Arlene Jouxson, Hawaii

Highly practical; very well organized and presented. I suspect my adverse expert depositions will be improved dramatically; be more focused; and more comprehensive.

Jonathan Rose, 3 expert depositions, Grace, Brandon, Hollis, San Diego

The practical approach to conducting an expert deposition is extremely valuable and useful. Musante is very good; clearly explained and demonstrated the material. This will greatly improve my ability to conduct an adverse expert definition.

Larry Kuperman, San Diego

Wonderful! Extremely helpful and easy to understand. Musante is very entertaining and effective. No comparison to other like seminars; this far exceeds any seminars I've attended. Before I was rather intimidated by doctors' knowledge, credentials, terminology. The info provided in this seminar will allow me to question the expert despite my lack of medical expertise.

Shelby Flowers, 3 expert depositions, Bollington, Griffith & Swope, San Diego

Musante is excellent. Good encapsulation of principles; will improve my expert depositions a great deal.

William Budd, Epstein, Grinnell, Howell, San Diego

New and impressive perspective on taking depositions. This seminar made me think "outside the box."

Larry Sidiropoulos, Laureti & Sidiropoulos, San Diego

Excellent practical content; Musante is tenacious and tenable.

Raymond Pacello, Jr., 3 expert depositions, San Diego

Excellent and powerful practical content. Musante is superior.

San Diego attorney

Musante correctly identifies critical listening as the essential skill of taking expert depositions and provides a systematic way for breaking down all expert opinions. He is a dynamo. The techniques are universal.

J. Daniel Holsenback, 100+ expert depositions, San Diego

Excellent. It is clear that Robert not only understands the art of taking depositions, but he can also clearly convey it to the listener. I now have a sense of anticipation and excitement about future expert depositions.

Guy Levy, San Diego

Excellent. A logical premise and easy to apply; will make my expert depositions easier and more organized. Very applicable, even in civil cases.

Rosalind Kennedy, 25+ expert depositions, Silva, Clasen & Raffalow, San Diego

Outstanding! Musante is enthusiastic, dynamic and thought-provoking. The four hours went by much too quickly. Gave me a game plan for how to prepare for, conduct and effectively use an expert deposition to my client's benefit. I feel more confident about my ability to attack an expert's opinion even when I do not completely understand their discipline.

Kieran Purcell, 5 expert depositions, San Diego

Finally a great plan and outline for taking expert depositions. An excellent seminar.

Daniel Rosenberg, San Diego

Comments from [San Francisco](#) attorneys who attended "Attacking the Expert's Opinion" and/or "Attacking the Expert's Pedestal"

Excellent practical content. Musante is an amazing and dedicated teacher. He has proved his construct! This seminar will improve my trial ability and skills.

Geoffrey S. Lauter, California AG's Office, San Francisco

Quick-paced, not boring, very helpful and informative. Musante is knowledgeable and interesting. Very uniform "expert opinion construct"; can be widely applied to all sorts of experts.

James Choo, 5 expert depositions, Cholakian & Assoc.

Good content; good pace. Musante is enthusiastic and knows his material well. I am anxious to try these techniques at my next expert deposition.

Michael Kerins, 100+ expert depositions, Senn Meulemans

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker...not a dull moment...well-organized. This seminar will encourage me to be more thorough than I might otherwise be, and to break down opinions more effectively.

Emilie Calhoun, 2 expert depositions

This seminar hits the important points consistently. Musante has a great ability to analyze and formulate his approach. This seminar is much more thorough than others.

Gerald Learn

Excellent seminar...very practical. Every time I have training with Musante, I find myself cross-examining witnesses in my head and looking forward to the day I get to put it into practice. Musante is highly engaging...seminar doesn't drag at all...I didn't even need any coffee to stay awake.

Peter Flores, Sacramento D.A.

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. This will put me at a good advantage. Baden testimony is a wonderful exemplar.

James A. Michel

Excellent instructor. Very good practical content; makes a great deal of sense. Less of a "how-to" than a development of a systematic method for analyzing expert testimony and crafting depo strategies and questions. I'll begin applying these [techniques] immediately.

Mark Choate, 400+ expert depositions, Choate Law Firm

Excellent practical content. Musante is excellent: enthusiastic, dynamic speaker; educational and entertaining.

Dave Boston, 150-200 expert depositions, Laughlin, Falbo, Levy & Moresi

Excellent. Wish I had taken this before all the depositions I've taken in my career. Excellent instructor. Will improve the quality of my expert depositions 100%.

Anonymous

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. The real value of this seminar is that it not only alerts every lawyer, maybe even forces, to approach an expert deposition with a critical perspective, and provides the needed tools to tackle the task.

William Gwire, 30-50 expert depositions, Gwire Law Offices

Excellent. I have never taken an expert deposition, but got a lot out of this seminar and now feel prepared to take one. Musante took a complex topic and put it in a lay person's terminology making it easily understood.

Michael T. Christy, Dillingham & Murphy

Excellent. Confirms unrealized logical steps already in use.

Barrett Braun, 50 expert depositions, Clifford Hirsch

Excellent. Will improve the quality of my expert depositions considerably. I will employ it and adapt it to my deposition-taking, especially in planning them.

Edward Ardzooni, 40 expert depositions

Very informative. Musante is amusing and very effective. Many more practical techniques than other "expert" seminars; no dry "info-only" stuff.

Jessica L. Chylik, 1 expert deposition, The Epstein Group

Absolutely necessary practical information. Musante goes beyond the basic cullet-points of normal trial techniques and gets to the minutia, along the way de-mystifying the expert deposition. He gives David a game plan against all expert Goliaths. He is an excellent instructor, entertaining and energetic. Time is definitely a factor, but Musante squeezed much efficiently into the time we had.

Carlos J. E. Guzman, 3 expert depos, Kazan McClain

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. Musante has reduced the complexity of the expert depo to a formula.

Connie McBrien

Very useful. Musante is excellent; extremely articulate which makes the seminar lively and inspirational. The "expert formula" provides a guideline for the examination that weakens the force of the opinion and the credibility of the expert.

Catherine Dacre, 4 expert depos, Seyfarth Shaw

Very helpful. Musante is excellent and entertaining. Will remind me to be a more critical listener to the answers given, follow up on the reasoning of the experts and the basis for those reasons in a more focused and organized manner, and not be so intimidated by their "expertise."

Jennifer O'Sullivan, 20 expert depos, Bacalski Byrne & Koska

Best seminar I've ever been to. Will hopefully help my expert depos a lot; with the constructs learned here, I will have a more organized and pointed game plan.

Sharon Douglass Mayo, 5 expert depos, Arnold & Porter

The best. Great practical content; Musante is always excellent. I'll be much more effective.

Lawrence Mann, 150 expert depos

An excellent, highly valuable seminar. Great instructor: lively, entertaining, communicates well, engaging, extremely knowledgeable. This is graduate school for lawyers ... the others are grade-school level.

Wes Wagon, 100 expert depos, Kazan McClain

Very good. Will use it immediately.

John Murphy, 100 expert depos, Rahn, Holbrook & Murphy

Musante shows the importance of the depo and what a powerful tool it is for later use in all aspects of the litigation. He is dynamic and keeps the attention of the audience. Has laid the groundwork for taking expert depositions. Stresses the importance of getting expert rules and opinions nailed down during the depo to use later at trial.
Heather Marlow, Latham & Watkins

Excellent. Provides an analytical basis for approaching any expert depo. Extremely helpful.
Christopher Dahms, 20 expert depositions

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. I am more confident that I can competently conduct an adverse expert depo.
James Michel

Great video clips to underscore points; great analysis. An interesting, compelling, attention-getting presentation. Will help immeasurably.
Brad Waugh, Day, Casebeer, Madrid & Batchelder

Musante is excellent; kept my attention, I stayed engaged throughout. I anticipate it will improve my expert depositions greatly.
Anonymous, 12 expert depositions, Dudnick, Detwiler, Rivin & Stikker

Outstanding ... no, remarkable ... no, unparalleled ... no, beyond comparison. Will demystify the adverse depo and remove the notion that you cannot take on an expert in his or her field of expertise.
Anonymous, 5 expert depositions

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor.
Anonymous, 1 expert depo, Berg & Parker

Excellent course, I feel like I'm ready to depose anyone. I hope to become a "depo god."
Anonymous

Good deal of information put together well, given the time limitations. Musante keeps it interesting and keeps us engaged; an excellent speaker.
Anonymous

Effective use of examples and video clips. Good communication skills, interesting stories and effective/clear handouts. This seminar has identified a framework that may be applied to different experts in different fields.

Anonymous, Dillingham & Murphy

Very good practical content; very good instructor. Will make me a better cross-examiner, and it will likely improve my direct as well.

Anonymous

Extremely practical because tools apply to any type of expert. Will make me more of a critical listener, able to recognize different opinions, different rules, etc.

Anonymous, 1 expert depo

Excellent practical content. It's nice to see the bases of an expert opinion set forth with clarity and simplicity. This seminar has been an excellent learning tool. Will change the way I prepare for and take an expert depo.

Anonymous, 2 expert depositions, Wilson, Sonsini, Goodrich & Rosati

"Attacking the Expert's Pedestal"

Excellent seminar...more practical than others in this series of seminars--and the others are all very practical. Musante is very engaging. Kept me awake through the entire seminar.

Peter Flores

Musante is a very effective communicator. The seminar pace was good...powerpoints on point...his style is engaging. Musante's use of Dr. Baden was very effective. It was good to use one expert to make several points.

Caroline Park

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. Before this seminar, I hadn't thought before to use the "lead and intensify with rhetoric" tactic. This seminar will help improve my expert depositions immensely.

Emilie Calhoun, 2 expert depositions

This seminar is wonderful. It will absolutely help me take a better expert deposition.

Anonymous

Comments from [San Francisco Bay Area](#) attorneys who attended "Attacking the Expert's Opinion" and/or "Attacking the Expert's Pedestal"

"Attacking the Expert's Opinion"

This seminar turns traditional approach to expert deposition on its head. Techniques from this seminar will increase my settlement potential by extended examination of why, what support, and by whom to establish bias of opposition expert. Excellent instructor.
Jerry Bearden, 4 expert depositions, San Rafael

This seminar is based completely on practical, demonstrated techniques. Mr. Musante is an animated, captivating speaker. He uses a variety of visual and audio techniques to capture and keep audience's attention. Highly logical and pragmatic.
Marta Weiss, San Rafael

Excellent! Mr. Musante's stage presence is wonderful. Practical and functional. I particularly appreciate the "Adverse Expert Contends" chart. The "Opinion" attacks seem so logical that I can't imagine why I didn't understand them on my own, or why they're so difficult to put into practice now.
Ken VanVleck, 25 expert depositions, Thoits, Love, Hershberger & McLean, San Jose

The content is very strong. A good break-down of the essential logical arguments needed in an expert deposition. Musante is wonderful. More engaging than any other seminar...other than the "Adverse" class, of course. Broad base of "Opinion" attacks that go into topics I've never considered before.
Matthew Johnson, San Ramon

Very practical. Goes beyond "textbook" standard dogma. I hope and expect it to improve my depositions considerably. Musante is excellent.
Anonymous, 20+ expert depositions, San Ramon

Top notch! Musante combines extensive knowledge with humor. Gives systematic method to approach expert depositions and trial prep. Excellent practical content ... warrants a much longer seminar!
Randall Wiens, 50+ expert depositions, San Ramon

A rich smorgasbord of invaluable techniques and examples. Musante is a latter day Diogenes on steroids, casting light in the dark cave of obfuscation from which most experts sally forth. Apart from my own one-day seminar, none is superior to this.
Bradley Bostick, 100+ expert depositions, San Ramon

Excellent practical content. Excellent instructor.
Bill Schneider, 200 expert depositions, San Ramon

Very good practical content. Much better than other one-day seminars. More substantive information and practical approach with broad application. Musante is excellent.

Anonymous, 40 expert depositions, San Ramon

Very practical. Great, entertaining and knowledgeable instructor. Musante can make an argument over virtually anything--and be effective.

Tanya Leydiker, 8 expert depositions, San Ramon

Great practical content! Superb instructor! Both Musante's seminars were the best! "Opinion" attacks very helpful, especially for someone preparing for her first expert deposition.

Anonymous, San Ramon

Musante 100% Practical content 95% Musante is most compelling, thorough and has an immediately useful approach. This will drastically improve the quality of my adverse expert depositions. Before this I tried to learn more about the subject than the "expert." Now I can wing it with any expert -- let him tell me the weaknesses in his opinion.

David M. O'Hara, 30 expert depositions, San Ramon

Excellent "Opinion" attacks. Will allow me an approach with an eye to the deposition's usage later and hopefully will make me feel more comfortable in my lack of practical experience. Musante is very good.

Anonymous, San Ramon

The best! This is my third Musante seminar (spaced several years apart) and I learn more everytime I attend. Musante is very effective; very helpful practical content, strategies and helpful suggestions as to specific questions. I learned a significant number of effective techniques that I had not thought of before.

Ken Wilson, 10-20 expert depositions, San Ramon

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. Absolute best seminar! Will improve my depositions 100%.

Monika Cooper, San Ramon

Very valuable practical content. Excellent teacher as far as oral presentation and powerpoint presentation are concerned. By far the best seminar on this subject that I have attended.

Stuart Goldware, 10 expert depositions, San Ramon

Great practical content. Musante is excellent. Appears to be very valuable. Will improve my depositions in many ways. Also will help with my questioning and trial work. I'm waiting for Musante's book!

Anonymous, San Ramon

I would highly recommend this seminar to other attorneys. Instructor is very eloquent and entertaining...kept me awake! This seminar is a lot more informative than other one-day seminars. I learned new "tricks" that I can easily put into practice.

Anonymous, San Jose

Excellent. Reinforced or learned attack strategies which will be useful in my practice.

Cecelia Fusich, 20 expert depositions, San Jose

Great teacher. Conveys lots of info with a wonderful sense of humor. This seminar is the best of the bunch.

David Harvey, San Jose

Excellent instructor. Very good practical content. The best, compared to other "expert" deposition seminars.

Mitchell Ehrlich, 15 expert depositions, Lorich & Patton, San Jose

Enlightening and thought-provoking. I would recommend it! Great advice and methods; very informative.

Anonymous, San Jose

Very thorough and relevant to all areas of legal practice. Musante is an excellent teacher, innovative in his method.

Min Tak, Grancell Lebovitz, San Jose

Excellent practical content. Excellent instructor. Better than most other one-day seminars - very practical and full of information.

Anonymous, 30+ expert depositions, San Rafael

Excellent practical content. Will definitely use in deposition prep. Musante is excellent in his use of examples.

E. Kennedy, Berliner Cohen, San Jose

Very helpful. Excellent instructor; maintains interest throughout. More practical application than other seminars.

Anonymous, San Ramon

Top notch instructor. Wonderful, experiential tidbits and good analytical framework. Compared to other one-day CLE seminars, it's the best.

Anonymous, San Ramon

100% useful and capable of immediate application. Musante was A++. Kept my diligent attention at every moment...no lapses! It is logic and analytical skills and "thinking like a lawyer" that can be applied to any argument and discussion.

Daisy Nishigaya, Thoits, Love, Hershberger & McLean, San Jose

COLORADO

Comments from **Colorado** attorneys who attended "Great! Adverse Depositions: Principles and Principal Techniques" and/or "The 25 Credibility Arguments for Deposition and Trial"

Outstanding! I attempt to mentor less experienced attorney associates, all of whom complain that most seminars are full of do's and don'ts with no practical application of implementation tips/advice. This is one of the best seminars I've ever encountered. Musante is very persuasive...techniques need no "selling". The logic that supports Musante's approach is stellar. Fantastic video clips.

Andris G. Hampton, 25-yr atty, 50 adverse depositions, Denver

Great content which is absolutely practical and user-friendly, ie I can begin implementing these valuable techniques tomorrow. Brilliant speaker. Information presented in a no-nonsense, practical and understandable manner. This seminar drilled down more quickly, efficiently, and effectively to the notable and practical nuggets for taking great depositions.

Kato Crews, 7-yr atty, 10 adverse depositions, Denver

Excellent seminar...turns conventional thinking on depositions on its head. Excellent speaker...very dynamic...didn't yawn once. Far superior seminar.

Robert S. Irving, 20-yr atty, 100 adverse depositions, Denver

I find the theories and logic to be very useful and I look forward to implementing the ideas contained in the material. Musante is an engaging speaker.

Mike Dible, 4-yr atty, 5 adverse depositions, Denver

Excellent seminar...good illustration of the points he's trying to make. I like the way Musante tackles conventional deposition wisdom head on, with substance.

Ron Taylor, 20-yr atty, 50+ adverse depos, Denver

Superb seminar...excellent speaker.

Nathan Longenecker, 12-yr atty, 25 adverse depos, Denver

Witty, engaging, and informative...practical and substantive. Very good speaker...a relief from lecturing.

Cyndi Lyden, 24-yr atty, 50 adverse depos, Denver

Excellent techniques that have practical application. Very effective communicator.

Charles E. Norton, 27-yr atty, 75 adverse depos, Denver

Excellent video examples, content easy to follow and understand. Excellent speaker...entertaining, informative, funny...keeps it interesting while providing valuable tools. Seminar much better than most CLEs I've attended.

Suzanne Rauch, 1-yr atty, 0 adverse depos, Denver

Videotapes and transcripts were very helpful. I definitely understand the content but need a little more experience to keep up with the pace of some of the examples. Excellent speaker. He is energetic and able to get his point across well. Best seminar I've attended.

Anonymous, 4-yr atty, 3 adverse depos, Denver

Very useful seminar...counter to the way I've been trained but much more logical, makes depositions relevant rather than tool to evaluate likeability of the witness. Musante is very engaging--nicely breaks material into digestible components without diluting material. Seminar much more in-depth...practical examples for each element are illuminating.

Lori, 2-yr atty, 8 adverse depos, Denver

Great practical application. Had several depositions on the horizon and was able to apply these techniques in my mind to each of them.

Dan Goodwin, 35-yr atty, 50-60 adverse depos, Denver

Better than most. Excellent instructor.

Jeff Burns, 20-yr atty, 75-100 adverse depos, Denver

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor.

Elizabeth A. Starrs, 24-yr atty, 100+ adverse depos

Equivalent to about double the usual CLE content. Total practical applicability.
Anonymous, 15-yr atty, 100 adverse depositions, Denver

Finally, a systematic approach to depositions -- young associates search for this from experienced partner and rarely receive this level of structure and detail.
Anonymous, 3-yr atty, 3 adverse depositions, Denver

This is an excellent class and should be mandatory before ever taking a deposition. Musante is perfect: very energetic and engaging. Will improve my depositions 100%.
Kerri Anderson, 1-yr atty, 10 adverse depositions, Denver

Excellent seminar. Exactly the breakthrough skills I was looking for. Engaging. Musante pulls it all together and delivers a huge amount of valuable information effectively and efficiently.
Anonymous, 13-yr atty, 20 adverse depositions, Denver

Exceptional substantive information. An eye-opening window on the true legal battlefield of the 21st century. Musante is head-and-shoulders above the crowd in terms of everyday nuts and bolts thinking about the "fight."
William J. Searfoorce, Jr., 10-yr atty, 50 adverse depositions, Montgomery Little & McGrew, Greenwood Village

Excellent. Makes you re-evaluate your own practices.
Will Allen, 7-yr atty, 30 adverse depositions, Denver

Much better than other one-day deposition seminars. Reaffirms what I have been taught and put into practice, but I rarely see any of my opponents use leading cross-examination questions, and now Musante has taught them some of my firm's tricks!
Anonymous, 25-yr atty, 75-100 adverse depositions, Denver

Excellent! More entertaining and informative than any CLE I've attended. Musante is top-notch, very effective.
Christian Ricciardello, 3-yr atty, Denver

Logic is always practical! Musante is high energy and effective. Much higher quality than other one-day deposition seminars.
Lindsay McGriff, .5-yr atty, Hopkins, Tschetter, Sulzer, Denver

Much better than most. It's the beginning of a 180-degree turn-around in my adverse depos.
Anonymous, 20-yr atty, 100 adverse depos, Denver

This is the best one-day deposition seminar I have attended. Very good practical content supported by good examples. Musante is superior.
Bill Keating, 32-yr atty, 750+ adverse depos, Denver

Outstanding. By far the best seminar re depositions I have ever attended ... every bit as good and informative as the Irving Younger seminar I attended some 20+ years ago.
Steve Polidori, 25-yr atty, 100s of adverse depos, Fogel, Keating, Wagner, Polidori & Shafner, Denver

Excellent! As Musante said, depositions are not adequately covered in law school. Love the sound effects. Musante draws attention to what is important and grabs one's attention.
Sylvia Lovisone, 3-yr atty, Denver

Musante has synthesized into one day many of the techniques that usually take decades to learn.
Evan Lipstein, 30-yr atty, 200 adverse depos, Denver

I will definitely apply the content of this seminar in my practice, I hope I will now be able to elicit more information from evasive deponents.
Anonymous, 3-yr atty, 12-15 adverse depos, Denver

Much better than most. Helped me focus on what to accomplish during depositions. Has helped me outline an analytical strategy, versus only a factual strategy.
David Krivit, 9-yr atty, 12 adverse depos, Godfrey & Lapuyade, Denver

Great! Very good practical information. Musante is great; very engaging, easy to listen to. I'm now ready for my first deposition!
Christine Swartz, 1-yr atty, Sherman & Howard, Denver

The best. Transformative! Superb instructor. Extremely helpful content.
Bill Banta, 30-yr atty, 50+ adverse depos, Denver

One of the two truly memorable seminars I have attended. I hope it will completely alter my deposition style.

Rob Shively, 25-yr atty, 100 adverse depositions, Shively, Taheri & Rochelle, Casper, WY

Tremendously useful. Musante is A+. Musante sets an opposing, even intimidating standard ... but shooting for it will force me to get better ... much better.

Skip Morgan, 6-yr atty, 6 adverse depositions, Colorado Springs

Wow! One of the best CLEs I've been to in 25 years! Wish I had had this speaker in law school or when I attended NITA ... very dynamic. His powerpoint presentation with sound effects kept me awake. He challenged me with his content.

Renee Shields, Grand Junction

Excellent practical content. Provides an alternate view and encourages thought about the process. Musante is excellent: well-prepared, powerpoint used to good effect, animated and engages students well.

Maurice Lyle Dechant, 26-yr atty, Grand Junction

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor.

Cyndi Fleming, 2-yr atty, Grand Junction

Excellent practical information. Very useful. Musante is very dynamic and effective. Well-organized and focused on practical aspects; very useful for experienced litigators. Gives structure to instinctive thoughts about effective depositions.

Anonymous, 30-yr atty, 150 adverse depositions, Grand Junction

One of the best seminars I've been to in some time. Well worth my day.

Anonymous, Grand Junction

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. More principles and fewer war stories. Confirms principles I already knew and should aid me in improving my question-preparation.

Anonymous, 22-yr atty, 100+ adverse depositions, Grand Junction

Outstanding! Every litigator must master the content of this seminar to conduct an effective adverse deposition! Musante is the "Bob Costas" of adverse depositions. For even the most accomplished trial attorney ... Musante will challenge you to examine your deposition methodology.

Robert Gordon, 9-yr atty, 200 adverse depositions, Colorado Springs

Helpful practical content. Musante is excellent. He teaches the information using interesting and known examples so that the listener can easily apply to his or her own practice. I didn't fall asleep or want to leave early ... and that's a first!

Jessica Kyle Muzzio, 9-yr atty, 15 adverse depositions, Vaughan & DeMuro, Colorado Springs

Educational and entertaining. Musante is animated, energetic, erudite.

Anonymous, 4-yr atty, 35 adverse depositions, Colorado Springs

A lot to think about! Will improve the quality of my adverse depositions tremendously.

Heidi Ernst, Colorado Springs

Excellent practical content. Musante is very effective. Good visuals and examples to learn important principles. Clearly well-prepared. This will assist in focusing and providing discipline in preparing depositions in the future.

Anonymous, 11-yr atty, 50+ adverse depositions, Grand Junction

Attention-grabbing, very easy to follow. Every depo in the future should be better than any taken in the past.

Anonymous, 16-yr atty, 40+ adverse depositions, Grand Junction

One of the best I've been to. Excellent, and very useful. Musante's presentation style was very engaging and informative. Held my attention well.

Patrick Spencer, 7-yr atty, 100+ adverse depositions, Spencer & Spencer, PC, Colorado Springs

Probably the best CLE I have taken. Very well thought-out and presented, not just a loosely connected series of war stories like most CLEs. I wish all CLEs were this good. Very comprehensive and practical. Robert is a gifted teacher, very intelligent and articulate.

Mark K. Osbeck, 13-yr atty, 75 adverse depositions, Denver

Best CLE I have taken on practice tips. Musante's different approach to depositions is energizing and very helpful. Entertaining, engaging and energizing...great class!

Patricia Dean, Holland & Hart, 11-yr atty, 50+ adverse depositions, Denver

Much higher quality than other one-day deposition seminars. Excellent practical content. Excellent use of video clips; dynamic speaker with great use of humor.

Doug Flinn, 10-yr atty, 7 adverse depositions, Colorado Springs

As good as any other seminar I've taken. It provided me with a much needed approach to discovering the "logic" behind taking effective adverse depositions. Practical content is invaluable. I took this course to enhance my skills for my next depo and I definitely received value for my money. Musante was entertaining, extremely effective and clear. Compared to other depo seminars, this one provides tools that I am confident I can employ in my next deposition.

Keith A. Pitt, 3-yr atty, 5 adverse depositions, Denver

Very valuable. More pointed than most. Excellent instructor.

J.J. Fraser, III, 10-yr atty, 35 adverse depositions, Denver

From the perspective of providing skill which cannot be obtained so concisely elsewhere, perhaps the best I have ever seen. Invaluable practical content. Musante was the best. I will require young associates to attend future seminars. I've done some good things and made all the mistakes. Great teaching tools!

George V. Berg, Jr, 24-yr atty, 100s of adverse depositions, Denver

By far the best CLE program I've attended. In fact, the best lecture on cross-examination and litigation I've attended. Practical content very high. The strategies and advice are extremely practical. Great presentation and extremely entertaining.

Andres R. Guevara, SEC, 5-yr atty, 10 adverse depositions, Denver

Without question, this seminar was the best I've attended. Outstanding practical content; outstanding instructor. I have been a slave to the "stupid orthodoxy" ... up to now. I will never again save impeachment for trial.

Fred Haines, 19-yr atty, 100+ adverse depositions, Colorado Office of the AG, Denver

Head and shoulders above any I've taken before. This is a seminar I wish I'd taken much earlier in my career. Very practical and useful. Musante is one of the best presenters I've ever seen or experienced in person. CLEs invariably put me to sleep ... not so Mr. Musante. Even without the "Whacks," I'm sure I would have stayed alert and engaged.

Bruce N. Shilles, 10-yr atty, 10-20 adverse depositions, David Pavek & Assoc., Denver

100% of the practical content is relevant and applicable to what I do. Musante's teaching ability is engaging and lively. He is skilled in putting together a presentation that is relevant, timely and worth the time and money spent. I stayed awake throughout and will be able to use the skills acquired immediately.

Christopher Lujan, 5-yr atty, Denver City Attorney's Office, Denver

Far superior to other CLEs. Excellent practical content. Excellent instructor.
Peter Walters, 16-yr atty, 100 adverse depositions, Denver

Far more valuable than the vast majority of CLEs I've attended. Excellent practical content. What made this CLE so valuable is the fact that I can readily see the practical application of Mr. Musante's instruction to use in my own practice. I can't wait to take my next depo. Simply terrific.
Douglas Cox, Office of the Attorney General, 13-yr atty, 100+ adverse depositions, Denver

Best CLE I've ever taken! I know I will use, or try faithfully to use, this material in all future depositions. Musante was great...lots of fun. Videos and visuals were nice combination with lecture. Builds on skills I've been using, puts labels on things to aid in remembering, and provides motivation to work harder to improve.
Michelle A. Pinkowski, 5-yr atty, 100 adverse depositions, Denver

One of the best technical (practical) seminars ever. It made me rethink a lot of self-taught methods. I know I'll be better; I can't wait for my next depo to use these ideas. This organized some things I do already, but mostly makes me want to plan and analyze my examinations more carefully.
Rob Jones, 15-yr atty, 500 adverse depositions, Denver

Seminar delivered on its promise to teach logic of taking adverse deposition, and also suggests a new strategic approach to some cases. I was never tempted to fall asleep. First time I have been presented with a coherent theory regarding depositions. Musante is not just a teacher, he's a coach.
Michael Morgan, 18-yr atty, 15 adverse depositions, Denver

This [seminar] will be of great value. Practical! [Musante] is excellent combo of knowledge + passion + sincerity. Best I've seen.
Kirk D. Tresemer, 23-yr atty, Denver

Great! I didn't think twice about some of the old stand-by rules for taking depositions. This seminar has completely changed my approach. So much more informative and entertaining than others; Musante kept my interest throughout.
Elana Sabovic, 2-yr atty, 3 adverse depositions, Hanes & Schultz, Denver

Compared to other CLEs, much above average, very beneficial. Excellent [practical content]. [Musante] is very energetic and enthusiastic, inspiring. Seminar's set of depo rules change everything for the better.

Brad Irwin, 13-yr atty, 25 adverse depos, Denver

[Seminar delivered on its promise to teach logic of taking adverse deposition] in an entertaining fashion while simultaneously reinforcing the principles. Better than any I've taken. Very useful. [Musante] is a bundle of energy and stream of consciousness.

Doug Edelstein, Frasca, Joiner & Goodman, 4-yr atty, Denver

One of the best. Musante is knowledgeable, interesting and focused. His set of depo rules entirely reoriented my goals.

Roy Wallis, 10-yr atty, 20 adverse depos, Denver

Excellent speaker; very practical knowledge; aims to improve lawyering skills rather than knowledge of law; does it wonderfully. Practical content excellent in all respects. Great instructor. Emphasizes the best aspects of my best depositions; adds new good ideas.

James Johnson, 3-yr atty, 20 adverse depos, Denver

This seminar was both more informative and entertaining than the past several seminars I have attended. It was extremely helpful to have the "vignettes" to support/demonstrate the techniques/logic of the killer deposition. I'm certain that I will employ these techniques in my practice. Better than most...okay, it was great!

Lorraine Weissman, 3-yr atty, 20 adverse depos, Denver

Very good; well fleshed-out; good examples. Passion for his subject is Musante's best asset.

Anonymous, 4-yr atty, 50+ adverse depos, Denver

"The 25 Credibility Arguments for Deposition and Trial"

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. Very helpful video clips. The seminar will allow me to be better able to recognize lack of credibility and attack same.

Anonymous, 22-yr atty, 25 adverse depos, Colorado Springs

Great teacher! It was like going back to law school trial practice class..at least for one day. I thoroughly enjoyed the seminar. The video clips were very important because there is so much lecture..it provides attention grabbers.

Dick Kennedy, 25-yr atty, lots of adverse depos, Colorado Springs

The techniques can be applied in my next deposition. Very good speaker...enthusiastic. At times a little fast. Very instructive videos.

Keith Vance, 8-yr atty, 100+ adverse depositions, Colorado Springs

I found this seminar very helpful and enlightening in taking adverse depositions. Great speaker.

Mike Keating, 5-yr atty, 20 adverse depositions, Colorado Springs

An entertaining and very helpful seminar...commonplace problems we all face in depositions and trial.

K. Mabelle Gielarowski, 13-yr atty, many adverse depositions, Colorado Springs

Outstanding seminar content...outstanding speaker. Great examples...audio and visual.

Excellent organization of material.

Jeff Brinen, 20-yr atty, 200 adverse depositions, Denver

Excellent speaker...a pleasure to listen to.

Daniel Fowler, 31-yr atty, 100s of adverse depositions, Denver

This seminar is the best seminar that I have attended on how to deal with adverse witnesses. I have used some of the techniques for years, but not in the logical format developed in the presentation. Musante is very entertaining. Being able to isolate the critical points and demonstrate why your story is more plausible is essential to proving your case.

Tom G., 10-yr atty, 100+ adverse depositions, Denver

Great seminar...the examples Musante gave really drive home. One of the 2 or 3 best CLE speakers I've seen. This is the third time I've seen a Musante seminar...best so far.

Rob Jones, 22-yr atty, 300 adverse depositions, Denver

The seminar will guide my thinking. Excellent speaker. This seminar will help lots and lots in improving the quality of my depositions.

Hannah Evans, PhD, MPA, Denver

A very practical seminar...it presents useful tactics that can be implemented immediately. Musante is very accessible...very thorough. There will definitely be an improvement in the quality of my adverse depositions.

Bill Peterson, 6-yr atty, Denver

The practical content was well described and presented. Also, use of real life examples demonstrated the theory. Excellent speaker...great use of historical examples.

Anonymous, 2-yr atty, 0 adverse depos, Denver

Musante keeps your attention...shares knowledge...interesting, articulate, and engaging.
Aaron Garber, 8-yr atty, 3 adverse depos, Denver

Great practical ideas and recommendations that I intend to use. Excellent speaker...great presentation of topics and themes. This seminar helped crystallize many of the tactics I have been using without a full understanding of how they worked.
Tiffany Scully, 7-yr atty, 40 adverse depos, Denver

Although I have taken many depositions, this will improve my future skills. Excellent speaker. Video clips kept the seminar very entertaining and put concepts into content.
Mark Douglas Herbert, 24-yr atty, 200 adverse depos, Denver

A very practical seminar...will use many of Musante's tips and examples in future depositions. Musante is very engaging...kept me interested and wanting to hear the next point all day long. I look forward to using his axioms and examples to take better depositions in the future.
Bruce Shibles, 18-yr atty, 50-100 adverse depos, Denver

Excellent seminar...logic is overlooked in all professions...not in this seminar. Excellent speaker. The seminar materials are organized in such a way that each section will stimulate lines of questioning that could easily be missed.
Tom Dwyer, 15-yr atty, Denver

Very useful seminar to trial practice...thought provoking. An enthusiastic and energetic speaker...tremendous presentation.
Anonymous, 25-yr atty, Grand Junction

This seminar is very helpful to me. I deal with these issues often. Very good speaker.
Earl Rhodes, 30-yr atty, Grand Junction

The seminar revolutionized my depos. I drove 4 hours to attend...worth every minute. Best CLE ever taken. Great speaker.
Marc S., 8-yr atty, 15 adverse depos, Grand Junction

Good seminar...good speaker. My depos will improve to a great extent if I'm smart enough to apply the knowledge.
Whitman Robinson, 3-yr atty, 10 adverse depos, Grand Junction

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker.
J.D. Snodgrass, 34-yr atty, Grand Junction

Comments from [Colorado](#) attorneys who attended "Attacking the Expert's Opinion" and/or "Attacking the Expert's Pedestal"

Very practical; superior instructor. Among the best of litigation-skills seminars. Excellent discussion of "opinion attacks".
Durant Davidson, 12-15 expert depositions

Very useful. Lays out a groundwork for almost every way to impeach an adverse expert witness "whore".
Michael Hudson

Overall very good, very valuable. Gave me a practical and versatile construct to approach future expert depositions. Musante is animated and engaging. Suddenly I have a method to attack an adverse expert witness.
Michael Noone

Excellent practical content. Excellent instructor.
Bob Mendenhall, 200 expert depositions

Ranks with the best of litigation-skills seminars. Well-organized and well-presenter. Excellent!
Anonymous, 50-60 expert depositions

Excellent! I particularly enjoyed the effect of establishing the example expert witness' "pedestal" and then cutting it down. This seminar is much superior to other like seminars. Its discussion of "opinion attacks" gives a good framework for approaching an attack of each basis of the expert's opinion. Having taken the "adverse" seminar yesterday, I am thankful for two very informative and highly useful days.
Anonymous, 12 expert depositions

Excellent practical content. Excellent instructor who teaches with enthusiasm and humor.
Anonymous

Very high degree of practical information. Effective instruction. Better than most litigation-skills seminars.

Anonymous, 3-4 expert depositions

Great! I am a repeater (came last fall to "adverse" seminar). This seminar is well above average. The discussion of "opinion attacks" is a good road map/strategy; well illustrated.

Anonymous, 30+ expert depositions

Very good and practical. There is more material taught than in other litigation-skills seminars. Musante has a lot of tools that he teaches and I hope to use them!

Anonymous

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Comments from **Connecticut** attorneys who attended "Great! Adverse Depositions: Principles and Principal Techniques " and/or "Mastering the Toughest-to-Craft Credibility Arguments" "Great! Adverse Depositions: Principles and Principal Techniques"

The content not only makes perfect sense...actual, useful examples are provided in framing your case theory with impeachable testimony. Information was communicated clearly. Musante managed to keep your interest with actual real life examples. Very, very good seminar. Without question, there is a definitive, logical manner to conduct an adverse deposition. This seminar will change my approach to conducting depositions.

Walter Shalvoy, Jr., 5-yr atty, 70 adverse depositions

An excellent, entertaining and informative seminar. Very practical and easy to follow. Musante not only provided valuable information, but he constantly showed how to apply that information in real life situations. Very high quality seminar.

Dino Trubiano, 2-yr atty

This seminar is an eye-opener. It has provided me with a new way to look at the whole process. Excellent speaker. The audio visual is terrific. The presentation is entirely convincing. This is the best seminar I have ever attended.

Anonymous, 28-yr atty, 1000 adverse depositions

Excellent seminar. I am already plotting deposition strategy based on Musante's instruction. Musante is engaging, funny, interesting...I enjoyed the presentation very much. This is one of the best seminars. Musante's enthusiasm and examples from popular culture really work.

Tom Menard, 4-yr atty, 1 adverse depo

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. Superior. This seminar changed the way I look at depositions.

Anonymous, 28-yr atty

A very intense, mind-opening seminar...different but logical slant on trial tactics. This seminar was a good value for the money.

Anonymous, 3-yr atty, 15 adverse depositions

Great seminar. Musante is very knowledgeable...supports his theories well. This seminar ranks at the top.

Vincent Averaimo, 4-yr atty, 4 adverse depositions

Excellent seminar--it presents an entirely different approach to taking depositions and it makes sense. Musante always kept our interest.

Anonymous, 40-yr atty

Excellent seminar..."A+" speaker. This seminar was much more informative and entertaining than others.

Yvette Fallon, 13-yr atty, 20 adverse depositions

Good seminar...good speaker. Musante covers a lot of material quickly. You have to pay attention or you'll miss something. Probably the best seminar I've attended.

Hugh Donnelly, 21-yr atty, 100s of adverse depositions

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. This seminar will substantially improve the quality of my adverse depositions. It will also improve the quality of my ability to try cases.

Mark Soboslai, 20-yr atty, 50 adverse depositions

Excellent seminar...extremely important for day-to-day practice...should have been taught in law school. Musante is very good...high energy, precise, entertaining, and well-organized. This seminar will help me in [future] preparations, and recognizing poor and evasive answers and how to use them against the opponent at trial.

Bill Staar, 5-yr atty

An informative seminar...Musante effectively and persuasively communicates philosophy on cross-examination and the techniques to carry out the philosophy. Musante is competent, energetic, and creative.

Jason Vicente, 3-yr atty

Excellent seminar...one of the best seminars I have ever attended...wish there was more time with the material. An A+ speaker.

Ms. Lewis, 28-yr atty

Excellent, dynamic, helpful, informative, interesting. I want to return and take it all in again. Having just gotten into the wonderful world of litigation, it will help enormously. I will take the energy transferred through today's seminar and feel empowered and fearless in my future litigation encounters, including negotiations and trial work, as this applies to ALL OF IT!
24-yr atty, Waterbury

An absolutely awesome seminar. Musante is a very experienced litigator and good teacher...he gave us a theory and good structure. I now have a theory so I can create good questions...lawyers are rule-oriented and theoretical.
Hugh Hughes, 2-1/2 yr atty

An informative and eye-opening seminar. Musante does a great job of keeping the audience's interest and applying what he is teaching in practical and understandable examples.
Melissa Ceetter, 2-1/2 yr atty

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. This seminar will allow me to prepare more and not accept inappropriate answers.
Pete Rotatori, 14-yr atty

This material is extremely practical to my practice. Musante is excellent...he used interesting examples and hypos to illustrate his points.
Josephine Spinella, 1-yr atty

I believe that this seminar will make me a better attorney. Excellent teacher. Most other seminars are a waste of time: this seminar was well worth attending.
Anonymous, 5-yr atty, 15 adverse depositions

The teaching points seem extremely sound. I can't wait to put them into practice, even if only to test drive. Musante is extremely able...his speaking manner is engaging...his examples and illustrations bring his points to life. Video clips are very compelling and engaging...excellent way to punctuate the lecture.
Sherwin Yoder, 1-yr atty, 4 adverse depositions

Very helpful seminar...all of the techniques are simple enough to be usable. Musante's teaching ability is very good...an excellent speaker.
Berri Gerjuoy, 2-yr atty, 15-20 adverse depositions

An informative and practical seminar. A captivating speaker. The seminar is as good or better than any other seminar I've been to.

R. McKain, 6-yr atty, 20 adverse depositions

A very in-depth seminar...fantastic speaker. Seminar is heads and shoulders above others.

Anonymous, 3-yr atty, 0 adverse depositions

Entertaining presentation; excellent use of actual trials. Will help me conduct effective depositions that attack credibility of witnesses.

2-yr atty

Program is clear, relevant and engaging. A watershed of clear, logical, useful rules. I wish all seminars were this useful. I will change the way I conduct deposition and how I instruct others to conduct them.

7-yr atty, Hartford

Humorous and fast-paced delivery; enjoyable to listen to. Not only helpful from the perspective of depositions, but also cross-examinations.

11-yr atty, Milford

It rocked! I will now be conducting killer depositions and will no longer save impeachment for trial!!

Hartford atty

Wonderful and amusing and incredibly useful techniques. I will even try to use these techniques in my informal conversations with adverse people!

5-yr atty, Hartford

Excellent substance and delivery.

25-yr atty, Hartford

This seminar will improve my deposition skills and enhance my trial practice. Leading questions to eliminate wiggle-room for deponent!

5-yr atty, Hartford

Excellent - articulate, creative, insightful and inspiring - something for every attorney.

Groton atty

Illuminates all the archetypes of evasion that bedevil deponents and suggests practical solutions.
11+-yr atty

Excellent presentation, Maintained interest. Thought-provoking.
18-yr atty, Windsor

Excellent speaker; great presentation.
7-yr atty, Rocky Hill

"Mastering the Toughest-to-Craft Credibility Arguments"
Excellent seminar..."A+"...the best legal seminar I have been to. Excellent speaker. "A+"...great speaker and teacher.
Yvette Fallon, 13-yr atty

"A++ seminar; "A++" speaker.
G. Royster, 39-yr atty, 1000 adverse depositions

Great seminar...good use of visuals and audio to keep the material interesting. Great speaker.
Jill Alward, 1-yr atty, 2 adverse depositions

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. The video clips were useful and important, in part because the material requires illustration by real life examples to be fully understood. This seminar added substance and further practical meaning to the points presented in the Whack! Seminar.
Mark Soboslaj, 20-yr atty, 50 adverse depositions

A practical and valuable seminar. Musante is a very effective speaker.
Craig Fishbein, 3-yr atty, 15 adverse depositions

Seminar content is good. I would love to attend other seminars by Musante. An excellent speaker, Musante is clear and energetic...kept the audience interested. This seminar makes me feel more confident...I better understand the purpose of taking an adverse deposition.
Alicia Bromfield, 6-yr atty, 5 adverse depositions

I recommend this seminar to any litigator. Musante is excellent--he is able to communicate effectively with the class. His video clips were "right on".

Anonymous, 10-yr atty, 100-150 adverse depositions

This seminar is very good as depositions are frequent and these skills are not taught. Musante has excellent teaching skills. Wish I had more teachers like him in law school. The video clips were essential to the teaching points. Kept me interested.

Robert Gallo, 7-yr atty, 20 adverse depositions

"A" seminar. Musante is very good.

Gary Kevorkian, 5-yr atty, 6 adverse depositions

This seminar expanded upon what was taught in the Whack! Class. It fleshed out the elements taught already...yesterday was the "melody"; today were the "lyrics". Musante interweaves examples of the teaching points by referring to the testimony of prominent figures in criminal trials. Video clips were entertaining and powerful teaching examples.

Hugh Donnelly, 21-yr atty, 100s of adverse depositions

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Practical content is very good. In particular, by providing illustration from actual trials the instructor is able to illustrate the operation of the principles stated in the materials. An excellent speaker.

John Gorman, 3 expert depositions

Excellent seminar...lots of examples, effective speaking style and well organized materials. Excellent speaker...he has an engaging teaching manner, precise speaking style and a clear desire to impart his model for cross examining experts.

Matthew Marion, 20 expert depositions

Helpful seminar...very good speaker. The seminar will make me more disciplined in how I formulate questions and plan for depositions in the future.

Berri Gerjuoy, 4 expert depositions

When I prepare my first expert deposition, I will definitely use these techniques. I am confident in their usefulness. Excellent teacher...I feel that I've gotten a good value.

Sherwin Yoder, 0 expert depositions

Practical content is appropriate...Musante is an excellent and enthusiastic teacher. The seminar gave me some great ideas and a roadmap for taking expert depositions.

Anonymous, 3 expert depositions

Excellent! This seminar will help my practice to no end! I'll definitely recommend this to others.
Anonymous, 10-yr attorney

Very good! I'll try this out on Monday at a deposition. Musante is a "10!"
Anonymous, 23-yr attorney

What did I come away with? DEPOSITION IS TRIAL; TRIAL IS ARGUMENT; EXPERT DEPOSITION IS ARGUMENT;
EXPERT DEPOSITION IS TRIAL. Visual aids were excellent.
Anonymous, 1-yr attorney

Terrific!
Anonymous, 20+-yr attorney

Excellent examples. Musante was very successful in conveying information.
Anonymous

Robert Musante was the best! I will be far more confident in my approach to deposing
experts...any expert!
Anonymous, 4-yr attorney

Musante presented many effective techniques for attacking experts on cross-examination. This
seminar will allow me to conduct more effective and concise expert depositions.
Anonymous, 2-yr attorney

A "10" on a scale of 1-10...Great!! There's no way this won't help my practice.
Anonymous, 1-yr attorney

Excellent seminar. I've got expert depositions coming up and Musante's approach is fantastic! I will
recommend this class to others.
Anonymous, 4-yr attorney

WASHINGTON D.C.

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Principles and Principal Techniques" and/or "The 25 Credibility Arguments for Deposition and
Trial"

"Great! Adverse Depositions: Principles and Principal Techniques"

An incredible seminar. It lays out a comprehensive philosophy to maximize the deposition of adverse witnesses. A can't miss opportunity! Musante's passion and credibility and knowledge = excellent teacher/presenter/coach of adverse deposition techniques. This is the best litigation seminar I have ever attended. Period! Also, Musante was very accessible during breaks and proactively sought out questions.

Thomas Sullivan, 10-yr atty

Fantastic speaker...highest quality seminar. Far and above the best seminar. Bottom line: Proving truth is good; proving truth plus the opponent lied about it is GREAT.

Doug Wright, 24-yr atty, unknown number of adverse depositions

Very good seminar...Musante doesn't just make a statement and move on, but instead helps you through various examples. He's very dynamic...makes it easy to pay attention.

Tara Goebel, 5-yr atty

Lots of good practical tips to help create a strong foundation for taking adverse depositions. Excellent speaker...very dynamic and engaging.

Bronwen Blass, 1-1/2-yr atty, 0 adverse depositions

Excellent seminar...extremely useful. Very engaging and energetic. Musante was the best in terms of using time efficiently...no wasted time. Materials, with lots of terrific examples, were great. Musante provides easy to remember tactics and knowledge...good at grabbing the audience's attention.

Steve Chasin, 1-yr atty, 0 adverse depositions, O'Melveny & Myers LLP

GREAT seminar...great speaker. His points about the failings of law school regarding depositions is right on. Loved the video clips.

Jennifer Seifert, 8-yr atty, 10+ adverse depositions

As a defense lawyer, I picked up lots of tips for preparing my "bad guys" in employment cases. Outstanding speaker...he shows, not tells. This seminar is above prior trial-litigation seminars I've attended.

M. Pirec, 26-yr atty, 50+ adverse depositions

Very useful seminar in simplifying and clarifying some universal core principles often forgotten in getting too bogged down with extraneous details. Musante is confident, energetic, persuasive and opinionated...well presented and stimulating seminar. Video clips were effective and entertaining.

15-yr atty, 30 adverse depositions

Very beneficial seminar in terms of persuasively presenting a different approach to depositions. Excellent speaker...high energy, clear, simple language. This seminar is the best I've attended.
Jim Tuite, 20-yr atty, 15 adverse depositions

The tips and techniques were very practical and would be useful to taking a deposition. Musante was very engaging and presented the material in a very concise, user-friendly format. I've attended NITA's deposition workshop and I found this seminar to be a very useful supplement to NITA's program.
Ben Labow, 3-yr atty, 0 adverse depositions, O'Melveny & Myers LLP

Very good seminar...tips on when to chase and pin down an AD made me rethink how I tell my clients to respond. Musante is very good...I like his pace.
C.S. Deese, 10-yr atty, 100s of adverse depositions

A useful seminar for focus and emphasis. A superb speaker. Best visual aids of any CLE.
3-yr atty, 2 adverse depositions

The seminar examples help bring home the teaching points. Musante is very good...his illustrations shed light on what a well crafted deposition question should be. Very dynamic seminar...multimedia helps the flow.
Paul Mederes, 13-yr atty, 30-60 adverse depositions

Videos and examples were very helpful. Musante is excellent, convincing and entertaining. Seminar is as good as any, better than I can remember and more enjoyable than any.
Stuart Benson, 5-yr atty, 5 adverse depositions

Outstanding seminar...very good integration of written materials with the oral presentation. The best seminar. Imaginative use of video.
3-yr atty

A useful seminar...very animated and talented speaker. I was thinking this was going to be just another dry CLE...was I wrong...this kept me interested and engaged for the entire day...he's the Jim Kramer of depositions!
Anonymous

Excellent seminar! The dissection of deposition transcripts made the course's logic immediately applicable. Musante was entertaining and engaging. His PT Barnum style held my attention

throughout the course. Also, he efficiently used the course time. The logic presented in this course greatly differs from what has been taught in other depo seminars.

Peter Jeffrey, 1-yr atty, 2 adverse depositions

Outstanding content and presentation! Far superior to other litigation CLE programs I have attended. Extreme relevance and practicality. Outstanding communicator and motivator. Instills confidence. [Set of depo rules] unique, non-traditional, revolutionary.

Jacques Smith, 10-yr atty, 40+ depositions

Very valuable seminar. Very practical. [Instructor] very good. Loved video clips. Even more would be better. I knew the principles generally, but it was helpful to see the examples and applications.

2-yr atty, 5 depositions

Very good use of my time. Very good. Very practical. [Instructor] excellent, entertaining.

4-yr atty, 6+ depositions

Extremely useful material that seems to be universally applicable. [Instructor] very knowledgeable of subject matter and able to convey that knowledge to others.

J. Christian Word, 2-yr atty, 0 depositions

Kept my interest more than most. Practical content is high. I will use techniques.

3-yr atty, 4 depositions

[This seminar] in the top 10%. Excellent [practical content]; [Instructor's teaching ability] of the highest level. I didn't really have any [previous deposition rules], [these] rules provide great intellectual tools.

Anonymous

I've only witnessed depositions; never taken one. I am scheduled to do so in the next three months and I feel confident now of my goals and, most important, the practical strategy I'll employ to get there! [Instructor] puts the abstract rules into practical terms, e.g., LEAD the witness to a "safe spot". The constant presence of examples, be it hypos or video coverage, is an invaluable aspect to this style of training...VERY helpful.

1 1/2-yr atty, 0 depositions

Excellent synthesis of core deposition skills which were explored in very practical contexts.

[Instructor] good -- very entertaining, yet informative. I was much more a follower of the "stupid orthodoxy", which I will endeavor to change.

7-yr atty, 30 depos

"The 25 Credibility Arguments for Deposition and Trial"

[The seminar] is immediately practical to my daily employment litigation practice. Musante's blending of multi-media and lecture kept the audience engaged and illustrated his points well. I believe the techniques presented in this seminar will improve the quality of my cross-examinations.

Peter Jeffrey, 1-yr atty, 2 adverse depos

Excellent seminar...great, organized, analytical approach to break down cross-exam principles. Impressive graphic and conceptual presentation of techniques. Superb speaker...fantastic, dynamic, bright teacher...a truly enjoyable class. The video clips represent one of the best uses of fully integrated multi-media into a seminar that I've ever seen.

Avi Meyerstein, 4-yr atty, 1 adverse depo

Fantastic seminar...very valuable information. Musante is engaging and funny. Video clips contributed greatly to the teaching points...good emphasis on the key points that would be hard to grasp without examples we are familiar with.

Jennifer Ann Davis, 1-yr atty, 3 adverse depos

Great seminar. Musante is wonderful...funny like Lewis Black and very clear in explaining everything...it was an engaging seminar!

Whitney Moore, 2-yr atty, 0 adverse depos

A very relevant seminar. Musante is very good at explaining material.

Ann Johnson, 7-yr atty, 1 adverse depo

Excellent seminar. Musante has the ability to extract meaningful, instructive examples from known, high-profile media events.

Dennis Taylor, 4-yr atty, 3 adverse depos

Very helpful, practical tips...excellent speaker. Interesting, illustrative, illuminating video clips. The two seminars complement each other well.

Anonymous

The seminar motivated this attendee to take a much keener interest in the value of depositions to his overall trial strategy. I was highly energized by the subject matter which adds to the energy-enthusiasm of his presentation.

Anonymous, 8-yr atty, 16 adverse depos

Very good seminar...excellent speaker. The techniques I have learned during this seminar will greatly improve my cross-examination ability and skill.
Kevin Chapple, 3-yr atty, 6 adverse depositions

Very highly rated seminar...excellent speaker...a little frenetic, but engaging. Excellent video clips...they hold interest and encourage critical evaluation by students.
Ed Gehres, 5-yr atty, 7 adverse depositions

Musante's teaching ability is very good but fast paced and geared toward an experienced litigator in my opinion. Video clips were great and aided in breaking up straight lecturing.
Monica Moore, 6-yr atty, 4 adverse depositions

Very useful seminar for people who already have a basic grounding in taking depositions. Excellent speaker. This seminar will improve my ability to develop cross-examination testimony during depositions as well as establishing gaps in credibility of a witness.
Anonymous, 2-yr atty, 0 adverse depositions

Very useful seminar...excellent speaker...very passionate.
Jim Cox, 10-yr atty, 50 adverse depositions

Very useful seminar...good information. Musante was well prepared, knowledgeable and interesting. Video clips illuminated the teaching points to the fullest...made topics more interesting...come alive.
Bruce Britton

Great seminar...wonderful speaker. Seminar should have gone on longer.
William Mallory III, 16-yr atty

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An incredibly helpful and useful seminar...excellent instructor! Impressive logic. This seminar has enhanced my critical listening skills and has provided guidance on getting the testimony desired.
Anonymous

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. I am the Expert...I now know the attacks.
L.J. Ross, 10 expert depositions

Seminar is an excellent companion to the Great Depo class. Great job! Thoughtful effort to keep audience's attention.

Anonymous

Excellent seminar...a 10 out of 10. Superb speaker...10 out of 10. This seminar far exceeds the ALI-ABA expert depo seminar. The teaching points were well illustrated and well summarized to make it easy to GET them.

Doug Wright, 15-20 expert depositions

Excellent analysis of the need (in a depo) for tenacious, aggressive confrontation, employing the logic of language. Musante's command of semantics makes him a master of the philosophy of depositions. He is excellent, with interesting and attention-keeping variety. Skillful use of a broad spectrum of knowledge used perceptively to illustrate teaching targets. Best use of practical logic since I studied philosophy. I am looking forward to pinning down the deponent on details premised on the "principles" justifying his rationale.

John D. Hemenway, 10 expert depositions

Excellent seminar. The focus on analysis of expert issues/deposition structure will certainly be of great use. Musante is energetic and entertaining...kept me awake.

Michael Guiffre, 7 expert depositions

Good seminar...it almost takes an auditor's approach in dissecting an expert's opinion. Musante is as good as some of my favorite law professors. This seminar is among the better.

Robert Vitarelli

Very good seminar...a lot to absorb. Very good speaker...lively and entertaining. Seminar much better compared to others because it provides a comprehensive methodology to prepare for expert depo and cross-exam.

Anonymous, 3 expert depositions

Excellent practical content but organization makes it difficult to put into effect. Musante is a good teacher...many examples...keeps going at high energy level.

Anonymous, 25 expert depositions

Useful seminar...extremely energetic and engaging speaker.

Anonymous, 150 expert depositions

FLORIDA

Comments from **Ft. Lauderdale** area attorneys who attended "Great! Adverse Depositions: Principles and Principal Techniques" and/or "The 25 Credibility Arguments for Deposition and Trial"

"Great! Adverse Depositions: Principles and Principal Techniques"

This seminar was simply fantastic! Unlike any other seminar I have attended. Musante had a firm grasp on the nuts and bolts of maximizing effective depositions and presented the topic in an informative and entertaining fashion. A superior speaker!

Robert F. Elgidely, 11-yr atty, 25 adverse depositions

Musante has thoroughly dissected the art of deposition questioning and clearly exposes the limited value of "stupid" questions and the greatly improved chance of ultimate success in the case through the use of "killer" questions. Musante's simple logic and practical examples will improve the deposition taking skills of every litigator.

Daniel Losey, 12-yr atty, 150+ adverse depositions

Fantastic seminar...content that is easily digested and can be immediately implemented in your practice. A superlative speaker. Information is presented in a rapid pace to cover as much material as possible in the time allowed, but at no point did I feel lost. This seminar exceeds all others I have been to from a practical standpoint. Everyone should leave with a heightened appreciation for depositions and their potential uses.

L. Elijah Stiers, 4-yr atty, 30 adverse depositions

Excellent seminar...refreshing, energetic, entertaining. One of the best I have ever attended.

Peter Wechsler, 36-yr atty, 500 adverse depositions

A seminar so very valuable. Excellent speaker...a born educator. One of the top 5 seminars I have attended in 19 years. So useful...almost revolutionary.

Roslyn Stevenson, 19-yr atty, 150-200 adverse depositions

A greatly informative seminar. I learned more about depositions in this one-day course than in 3 years of law school and my years of practice. Musante is extremely knowledgeable and charismatic.

Cesar G. , 2-yr atty, 0 adverse depositions

Excellent seminar. I will absolutely use the skills and rules learned at this lecture in practice.

Susan Greenstein, 13-yr atty, many adverse depositions

Comments from [Miami](#) area attorneys who attended "Great! Adverse Depositions: Principles and Principal Techniques" and/or "The 25 Credibility Arguments for Deposition and Trial"
"Great! Adverse Depositions: Principles and Principal Techniques"
Excellent seminar...wish it could be a two-day seminar. Excellent speaker. First rate.
Larry Hanks, 17-yr atty, 100 adverse depositions, Miami

No comparison [to other CLEs]. This was clearly the best. Practical content extremely useful. Musante excellent, animated and dedicated to his task and students; he obviously enjoys his work.
Gary M. Pappas, 13-yr atty, 100+ adverse depositions, Miami

This seminar is great. It opened my eyes to many rules I have broken in past depositions. I am grateful to be seeing more clearly now. Now, knowing the rules, I look forward to applying them in my next deposition. Musante is very engaging and held my interest.
Stacey Koch, 6-yr atty, 15-20 adverse depositions, Shook Hardy & Bacon, Miami

Excellent! Stands conventional wisdom on its head. This is the first seminar in 15 years where I resented the breaks. Head and shoulders above the rest.
Nathaniel Kidder, 15-yr atty, 100+ adverse depositions, Kidder & Bennett, St. Petersburg

Excellent. Brings home many intuitive skills and provides invaluable advice for the difficult deponent. Musante has a tremendous ability to concisely present techniques and provide easy to remember phrases for the techniques. This seminar conveys its message through historically significant video clips (and not individual war stories), making it easier to remember the techniques. It's too easy to ignore non-responsive answers. The seminar has given tools to avoid giving a deponent the "get out of depo" card.
Humberto Ocariz, 15-yr atty, 50+ adverse depositions, Shook Hardy & Bacon, Miami

"Take a Killer Adverse Deposition" is the best CLE seminar I have ever attended in terms of practicality, knowledge gained, and enjoyment. Expands on [my previously used set of deposition rules] and corrects some of the "stupid orthodoxy".
Henry Wulf, 5-yr atty, 25+ adverse depositions, Miami

Excellent! Of huge practical value. This is the first seminar I've attended where I have learned the whole day. I'm convinced of the logic!
Joelle Hervic, 12-yr atty, Shook Hardy & Bacon, Miami

This was an awesome seminar, better than any other 1-day experience. I am looking forward to putting the rules into use; logic tells me they will work.
John Thresher, 1-yr atty, 4 adverse depositions, Tampa

Great information to actually use at the time of deposition. Practical way of remembering points that you will remember and use, compared to other seminars.

Lorraine B. O'Neil, 12-yr atty, 200+ adverse depositions, Shook Hardy & Bacon, Miami

The best seminar I have ever attended. Musante is the bomb on deposition. Excellent instructor. My set of rules would have been at best fuzzy and would not be the product of disciplined, rigorous analysis.

Andres Rivero, 16-yr atty, dozens of adverse depositions, Sullivan Rivero & Chase, Miami

Excellent. Seminar is clearly geared to apply practically. Musante is excellent with lots of energy.

Luis Espino, 7-yr atty, 50 adverse depositions, Steele & Hanson, Miami

Excellent! Leaves you thinking!

Deborah Chames, 21-yr atty, 500+ adverse depositions, Heller & Chames, Miami

I rank this seminar at the top in terms of the value of other one-day seminars. The practical content is very useful. The instructor's teaching ability is excellent. He keeps the student entertained with a subject matter that is not necessarily very interesting...he made the subject matter come alive!

Nelson C. Bellido, 9-yr atty, 60 adverse depositions, Shook Hardy & Bacon, Miami

Outstanding. Most other CLE courses are "rote". This course provides insight with the unorthodox approach to deposition taking. Excellent practical content. I like the use of syllogisms and rules of logic for developing questions. Musante was excellent, straight to the point.

Gregg Metzger, 10-yr atty, 70+ adverse depositions, Miami

Excellent content, very practical. Much better use of [my] time than other CLEs.

Stacey F. Soloff, 15-yr atty, 75+ adverse depositions, Miami

SUPERIOR, PRACTICAL, MEMORABLE. Excellent instructor.

Robert A. Milne, 20-yr atty, 100 adverse depositions, Miami

Among the best. Valuable reexamination of precepts; useful articulation of approaches/techniques hitherto applied intuitively. Excellent instructor.

Hendrik G. Milne, 20+-yr atty, 100s of adverse depositions, Miami

Excellent. Keeps your attention, extremely relevant to trial tactics. Musante was phenomenal, very informative. [This seminar's set of depo rules] completely contrary to what I was taught...can't wait to employ my new tools.

DM Schweiger, 2 1/2-yr atty, 25-30 adverse depositions, Miami

Good set of rules to get the liar! Musante was excellent, informative.

Blaine Hibbard, 5-yr atty, 25 adverse depositions, Miami

Unorthodox, different, fast paced, packed full of pointers. Real life applications presented in a lively, fast paced presentation. I wish I would have had the benefit of Mr. Musante's insights 15 years ago. [Musante] is innovative, energetic, honest, straightforward and clear. A fantastic seminar!

Richard E. Tejera, 19-yr atty, 500+ adverse depositions, Miami

Blows away other seminars. [Practical content] excellent. [Musante] taught me to highlight the implausible and plant the seeds of doubt in the minds of jurors. [I am a] "stupid orthodoxy" practitioner who will mend his ways.

Jose Antonio Llerens, 4-yr atty, 10 adverse depositions, Miami

As valuable as any seminar I've taken. [Practical content] essential to properly developing a case and moving it toward favorable conclusion. I have used a few [deposition rules] before but never really understood the methodology or impact until now. Wow!

Adrian C. Delancy, 4-yr atty, 15 adverse depositions, Miami

The information provided is incredibly helpful. Much more valuable than any other seminar I've attended. [Practical content] very incisive and, of course, logical. [Musante] is very committed to the subject matter. His passion for his work comes across loud and clear. [Seminar's set of depo rules] far superior to those I've previously employed.

Joseph R. Fazio, III, 5-yr atty, 100+ adverse depositions, Miami

Much better [than other CLEs]; useful material. Excellent [practical content]. [Seminar's set of depo rules] are unorthodox; I can't wait to use [them].

15-yr atty, 100 adverse depositions, Miami

Best [seminar] in terms of practical information. Excellent [practical content]; Excellent [instructor]. [Seminar's set of depo rules] very different in terms of impeachment of witnesses at deposition.

5-yr atty, 60 adverse depositions, Miami

Better than most. Excellent practical content. Excellent instructor. Very practical; great "fine tuning", new outstanding tips/ideas.

Brad Steven Fleet, 12-yr atty, 150 adverse depositions, Miami

Great use of multimedia. The visuals were helpful in comprehending and remembering lecture points. Videos entertaining and helpful. [Musante] Excellent! Energetic, articulate, very practical, rich with examples for use in daily practice. I wish I could take more of his classes.

13-yr atty, 25 adverse depositions, Miami

Far better [than other CLEs]. Excellent practical content, great instructor. I particularly enjoyed the use of videos and real life examples to illustrate the points.

Paul Reid, 20-yr atty, 500 adverse depositions, Miami

Very high practical application. [Musante has] great ability to illustrate rules in application.

Thomas J. Rebull, 2-yr atty, 3 adverse depositions, Miami

By far the most informative and entertaining seminar I've attended. [Practical content] excellent, very useful. [Instructor] great communicator, knowledgeable and entertaining. I was vaguely aware of some of these [Seminar's set of deposition rules], but did not understand importance of following the rules.

Jose R. Riguera, 9-yr atty, 40-50 adverse depositions, Miami

Perhaps the most practical seminar I've ever participated in. [Musante] was exciting, enthusiastic about subject matter. [Previously employed] the same rules, just didn't know how to apply them.

Omar J. Arcia, 4-yr atty, 50 adverse depositions, Miami

The best. Extremely educational, excellent instructor.

Jorge Piedra, 3-yr atty, 20 adverse depositions, Miami

It compares well with other outstanding CLE seminars. Provides many useful tactics and practical advice in deposing witnesses. [Instructor] very good. Principles in the written outline come to life with the examples used.

30-yr atty, 150 adverse depositions, Miami

Extremely practical and useful; compelling instructor. Gives structure and logic to things that you have learned through trial and error.

15-yr atty, 500+ adverse depositions, Miami

Above average in terms of practical value; better than most because it is not anecdotal.
9-yr atty, 100 adverse depositions, Miami

Comments from **Tampa** area attorneys who attended "Great! Adverse Depositions: Principles and Principal Techniques" and/or "The 25 Credibility Arguments for Deposition and Trial"

"Great! Adverse Depositions: Principles and Principal Techniques"

Excellent seminar...brought forth the concepts necessary to permit the listener to craft his/her own deposition no matter the case topic. Musante's passion for the subject was unmistakable. He also presented the material in an entertaining and informative manner. This seminar was much more useful and practical than most others.

Anonymous, 11-yr atty

Seminar introduced me to theories that I was unfamiliar with. It makes perfect sense to try your case at deposition. Good use of media, voice, gestures to make a point. Best depo seminar so far.

Sheila Sayne, 6-mon atty, 0 adverse depositions

Musante expertly blends theory and practical application. I wish I had attended this seminar years ago. An exceptional speaker...as good as any speaker I have heard and I have attended many seminars over the years. A+++.

An old dog CAN learn new tricks. I am excited at the prospect of applying what I learned. Please return!

Gary Miller, 23-yr atty, 500+ adverse depositions

Excellent seminar. This is a badly-neglected area of instruction necessary for litigators to be successful. It should be a required course in every law school. Outstanding speaker. Musante backs up everything he says with both logic and real-world examples. Seminar in the top 1%. Most speakers at seminars are dreadfully boring and/or unprepared. To the contrary, Musante is a dynamic and interesting instructor.

Scott Petersen, 13-yr atty, 30-40 adverse depositions

Excellent practical content; excellent teaching ability. Better than any others re discovery.
H. Shelton Philips, 38-yr atty, Santa Lucia & Thomas, Clearwater

Best I've taken by far. Musante has excellent presentation skills with a no-b.s. approach. Highly informative. I have always known many habits of mine -and other lawyers- are bad, but Musante made them lucid for me.

Gregory Haney, 5-yr atty, 40 adverse depositions, Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, Tampa

Excellent! Stands conventional wisdom on its head. This is the first seminar in 15 years where I resented the breaks. Head and shoulders above the rest.

Nathaniel Kidder, 15-yr atty, 100+ adverse depos, Kidder & Bennett, St. Petersburg

One of the three best seminars I have attended...excellent practical content, a ton of material, but there is no question that my next deposition will be better. Also, I used one of the suggestions at lunch! Outstanding instructor, great delivery.

Rob Daisley, 16-yr atty, 500 adverse depos, Tampa

This was an awesome seminar, better than any other 1-day experience. I am looking forward to putting the rules into use; logic tells me they will work.

John Thresher, 1-yr atty, 4 adverse depos, Tampa

One of the best. Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. Wish they taught this in law school.

William Coffman, 5-yr atty, 6 adverse depos, Kimsey Law Group, Tampa

Very practical. Never realized that taking depos is not an art, it's a science! Wonderful instructor of the materials. No comparison to other seminars...tons of practical knowledge, a lot of info stuffed into seven hours.

Charlotte L. Warren, 6 1/2-yr atty, 20 adverse depos, Carlton Fields, Tampa

More valuable than any other. Very practical with much you can take away from it. Can't argue with Musante's logic. Love the "road test" of impeachment; have used it to very effect Musante describes in settlement value.

Steve Tabano, 21-yr atty, 150 adverse depos, Trenam Kemker, Tampa

Excellent. Commendable application of practical knowledge. Surpasses previous skills seminars. Musante presented clearly and concisely a system that makes sense and seems to be more effective.

Melissa S. Wiegner, 2 1/2-yr atty, 50 adverse depos, Barrs, Williamson, Stolberg, et al., Tampa

Excellent seminar. Exceptional compared to others.

Michael B. Colgan, 26-yr atty, 400+ adverse depos, Glenn, Rasmussen, Fogarty & Hooker, Tampa

One of the best I have attended. Very practical, real world. Instructor high energy, kept my interest for the whole day. This will change the way I take a deposition.

Bill Curphey, 27-yr atty, 100+ adverse depos, Tampa

More advanced and helpful in providing useful skills/tools to use in improving clients' cases/chances of winning. Excellent instructor, humorous and at the same time, very instructive.

J. Kevin Carey, 16-yr atty, 80 adverse depositions, Tampa

This is a practical, "how to" seminar. Much better [than other CLEs] in that it is useful for an advanced practitioner or a beginner. Musante is a great teacher; he kept the topic alive throughout the entire day.

Douglas Manson, 15-yr atty, over 100 adverse depositions, Tampa

Don't recall what the price was, but I believe it was a good value as compared to other CLEs. Great nuts and bolts. [Musante] very good, very energetic. His students have been very fortunate.

David Corry, 9 1/2-yr atty, 200+ adverse depositions, Tampa

Lots of practical tips. Applicable to all cases. Very good practical content. All beginning lawyers should be required to take this. The day flew by. Great use of real testimony to highlight correct and/or poor techniques.

Guillermo A. Pernas, 7-yr atty, 10 adverse depositions, Tampa

Unique approach, much more useful than the norm. Excellent practical content; excellent instructor.

Mark Morgan, 10-yr atty, 100 adverse depositions, Tampa

Better than most. Very good practical content. Only practical guide to depositions I have seen or read. Excellent instructor. [Seminar's set of deposition rules] best I've ever seen.

James Michael Walls, 12-yr atty, 50-75 adverse depositions, Tampa

This seminar was extremely valuable to me. I'm looking forward to using information learned at my next deposition. This information should take me to the "next level" as a practicing trial lawyer. Superb! I never lost interest.

David D. Neiser, 11-yr atty, 100+ adverse depositions, Tampa

This seminar is more direct and to the point than most other seminars. Very useful and practical...good use of interesting "real world" examples. Musante grabs you by the throat and never lets go! He is a tremendous instructor.

Fred Schriels, 14-yr atty, 75-100 adverse depositions, Tampa

Greater value than almost all others in this area.

Mike Blaziak, 14-yr atty, 300 adverse depositions, Tampa

One of the most useful and practical learning experiences I've participated in. Excellent practical content, excellent instructor. First time I've ever seen the rules written down.

Greg Frazier, 27-yr atty, 1000+ adverse depositions, Tampa

Perhaps the most practical application course I have ever taken regarding improvement of litigation skills. Musante excellent, very good and extremely interesting. Good use of humor and

real life examples. [Seminar's set of deposition rules] 10 times better [than mine]. Previous cross-exam seminars were not at all helpful compared to this instruction.

Terence Perenich, 7-yr atty, 50 adverse depositions, Tampa

Extremely valuable, very practical, great instructor.

Erin Aebel, 3-yr atty, 15 adverse depositions, Tampa

Much more interesting than most. Quite valuable. Excellent practical content, excellent instructor.

Gale Porter, 14-yr atty, 150 adverse depositions, Tampa

Comments from [Miami](#) area attorneys who attended "Attacking the Expert's Opinion" and/or "Attacking the Expert's Pedestal"

Excellent. Very valuable compared to other half-day seminars. Extremely practical. Can easily put attacks into practice at a deposition. Musante is very effective, very engaging. Excellent in teaching "Opinion" attacks. I learned many things about attacking an expert's opinions: what to listen for, what to ask, what to make the expert breakdown.

Stacey Koch, Shook, Hardy, Bacon, Miami

Excellent framework provided for any expert depo. Very dynamic instructor! Good use of training aids. Better in content and teaching ability than others I've attended. Great breakdown of expert opinion attacks. Logical and seemingly easy to apply. The chart is great and handy; I'll use it in the future.

Miami products liability attorney

Excellent practical content. This seminar contained enough useful information to easily warrant a full day. Information was delivered quickly, but this was understandable given the content.

Excellent discussion of "Opinion" attacks.

David Seiler, Miami, 15 expert depositions

Excellent! Musante is animated, focused, with well-researched study examples. Excellent use of powerpoints; best I've ever seen.

Brenda Mezick, 15 expert depositions, Miami

Very good. Good use of examples to analyze critical factors to cover and discipline to be applied. Nice job of building on, but not repeating killer depo material. Musante is entertaining and involved in the material. Good mix of video snippets, history, analysis and constructs.

20 expert depositions, Miami

Very effective and valuable. Musante is very good. This is the first time I've experienced such a seminar that gives such effective tools to depose and teaches the true role of depositions.

Joelle Hervis, Miami

Very practical. Better than most. The combination of "rules" and real-life video clips to demonstrate the rules is especially effective. Excellent instructor, nice demeanor, instructive without being pedantic.

Dyanne Feinberg, Miami, 30 expert depositions

Extremely beneficial and awe-inspiring. I have seen the light! Musante is a gifted instructor.
Rory Jurman, 10 expert depositions, Miami

Musante makes the complex very basic, and emphasizes the importance of recognizing that the expert's deposition can make or break you at trial. He incorporates a refreshing style with props and exhibits great knowledge as a lifelong student on the subject matter that makes for effective teaching.

Nelson C. Bellido, 12 expert depositions, Miami

Much better than other litigation-skills seminars. Very good conceptual framework. Very good and dynamic presentation.

Juan Farach, Miami, 3 expert depositions

Good, but fast, instructor. Very good value compared to other like seminars. "Opinion" attacks good, very logical method.

Miami, 40 expert depositions

I thought yesterday's ("Adverse" seminar) and today's were quite informative. Excellent instructor.

Miami, 5-10 expert depositions

Excellent practical content. Excellent instructor. Excellent discussion of "Opinion" attacks.

Miami attorney, 100s of expert depositions

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. Very important, useful and timely value.

Miami, 1 expert deposition

The practical content is excellent. It can readily be put to use and therefore it is in many ways better than other seminars. Instructor very good. Discussion of "Opinion" attacks very good and valuable.

Miami, 20 expert depositions

Very good, clear and concise outline. Excellent instructor: high energy, amusing, entertaining, keeps your interest. Very useful compared to other such seminars. Good outline of exhaustive areas to attack expert witness.

Miami, 4 expert depositions

Excellent tips and material. Excellent instructor.

Miami

Excellent practical content. Far above other litigation-skills seminars. Very good instructor.

Miami, 5 expert depositions

Excellent content; terrific instructor.

Miami

Excellent content. Excellent instructor. This is easily the best such seminar I have ever taken.

Miami, 10 expert depositions

Comments from [Tampa](#) area attorneys who attended "Attacking the Expert's Opinion" and/or "Attacking the Expert's Pedestal"

Excellent. The seminar provided litigators with simple rules to apply to difficult depositions. Musante shows you the "how-to's" in a very effective manner. This is the "cream of the crop" in half-day litigation seminars.

Seth Schimmel, Tampa

Excellent. Very practical, fast-paced and entertaining. Much better, more engaging and applicable than other courses I have attended.

Tony Viera, Tampa

Totally worthwhile. Outstanding practical content. Loads of info to sift through, very useful.

Great instructor--wish I could do some extended courses.

Vicki Stolberg, Tampa, 75 expert depositions

Excellent! Musante is one of the best.

Rob Daisley, Tampa attorney, 100 expert depositions

Excellent practical content. Musante is excellent. This seminar is the best.. "Opinion" attacks organized and well-thought out.

Larry Hatley, Tampa, 2 expert depositions

Above average. Clear and passionate instructor. "Opinion" attacks well-constructed and logical with some NEW ideas...and I have seen a lot of them.

Tampa, 100+ expert depositions

Five Star! Very good instructor. Much better than other litigation-skills seminars.

Tampa, 1000+ expert depositions

Excellent teacher (as effective trial lawyers are). This seminar is better than most. The "Opinion" attacks are probably something we all know intuitively, but this course helps put it together in a more organized fashion.

Steve Tabano, Tampa, 100+ expert depositions

Great! Great instructor--conveys points very well. Very good value for the money; better than many other seminars that claim to teach practical stuff. Excellent discussion of "Opinion" attacks. Great ideas for attacking any expert.

Liz Gierbolini, Tampa

Before this seminar I did not have a method to depose experts...now I do. Excellent instructor.

Tampa, 3 expert depositions

Excellent practical content. Tremendous teaching ability. Far better than other seminars.

Excellent "Opinion" attacks.

Terence Perenich, Tampa, 3+ expert depositions

Good practical content. Excellent instructor. Good value compared to other like seminars.

Tampa, 40 expert depositions

Excellent. Musante was outstanding. Many valuable tips.

Tampa, 50 expert depositions

Excellent. Very practical. Good rules. Best compared to other like seminars. Excellent instructor. Very energetic.

Tampa, 200+ expert depositions

Once again (after yesterday's "Adverse" seminar) thought-provoking and practical. Very able, energetic, entertaining and philosophical. Useful and logical "Opinion" attacks. Very effective visual teaching aids.

Tampa, 15-20 expert depositions

Very good, helpful. Excellent instructor. Very well presented. Insert of visual/audio vignettes helps emphasize point for multi-senses learning. Insightful.

Tampa, 50 expert depositions

Very good. I feel I can apply this. Much better than other like seminars. Great "Opinion" attacks. Musante very good - high energy, good pacing.

Tampa, 40-50 expert depositions

GEORGIA

Comments from [Atlanta](#) area attorneys who attended "Great! Adverse Depositions: Principles and Principal Techniques" and/or "Mastering the Toughest-to-Craft Credibility Arguments"

"Great! Adverse Depositions: Principles and Principal Techniques"

Best of the best! Musante is awesome! Great insight and valuable tools re the deposition process. Can't wait to put this information to use!

Gino Massafra, 22-yr atty, 40+ adverse depositions

Excellent ... things I wish I'd known earlier. Musante is outstanding, thought-provoking, well-organized. His "rules" are more comprehensive, more well-reasoned and more sensible than those I've employed.

Linda Birchall, 15-yr atty, 300+ adverse depositions, Powell, Goldstein, Frazer & Murphy, Atlanta

Excellent seminar. I have been awakened from my dogmatic slumber! Excellent instructor: alive, energetic and passionate. This seminar has been by far the best practical seminar I have attended on this subject. I will approach depositions in a whole new way.

John Corbally, 2-yr atty, 2 adverse depositions

Best I've attended. Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. This material effectively contradicts many of the rules I've adhered to; there was simply much more content than I've ever heard re depo rules. Can't wait to put what I've learned to use.

Robert Coursey, 5-yr atty, 10 adverse depositions

Superior compared to other like seminars. Excellent practical content. Musante's depo "rules" are radically different, yet far more logical and powerful. Will vastly improve the quality of my adverse depositions.

Sarah Pierce, 9-yr atty, 35 adverse depositions

Excellent. Many of the things that we all do, good or bad, are presented in a logical format. Mr. Musante is very instructive, entertaining and challenging. Compared to other seminars, this is in the 99th percentile ... and nothing is 100%.

David Johnson, 13-yr atty, 500+ adverse depositions

The best. Excellent practical content ... confirmed what I have been taught in terms of deposition=trial. Very captivating and energetic instructor.

Joann Brown Williams, 5-yr atty, 75 adverse depositions

Fantastic! Fairly complex rules of logic and technique are neatly and rationally summed up in the "Magnificent 7." I will apply these rules. Musante is extremely engaging. I never take notes at seminars, but compiled a lot today. I have a lot going on in my practice this week, but my attention never wavered. This seminar alters my perception of the primary goals of adverse depositions.

J. Jeffrey Patterson, 4-yr atty, 15 adverse depositions

Far above average. Very useful, particularly the emphasis on making the clean record for trial.

Scott Morris, 6-yr atty, 4 adverse depositions

Probably the best and most practical seminar I have taken. Musante is outstanding. His "rules" make sense and are backed with detailed logic.

Edward Buckley, 20-yr atty, 400-500 adverse depositions

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. Superior compared to other deposition seminars.

Kerry Baldwin, 20-yr atty, 40 adverse depositions

Best deposition seminar I've taken thus far. Very informative. Enjoyed the visual presentation. Kept my attention. Reinforced certain rules and completely changed others.. As a young attorney just beginning my career as a litigator, I am very glad to have attended this particular CLE, which will shape the way I practice.

Bethany Ann Sauls, 1-yr atty, 7 adverse depositions

Excellent. Very useful and concise. Excellent, entertaining instructor.

Kristy Peli, 4-yr atty, 30 adverse depos

Very entertaining. I didn't do any of my other work while here! Drives home the need for serious prep ... rather than asking questions on the fly.

Paige Laine, 10-yr atty, 120 adverse depos

Very stimulating and inspirational. Outstanding instructor! Pure intellectual stimulation and entertainment. Seminar full of useful, practical information as any course I have ever attended! Provides an excellent template to be employed in practice. This material will provide a cornerstone for my deposition technique.

Jason Onacki

Very helpful. Lecture conveys importance of depositions and dispels poor common wisdom. Musante's emphasis on craftsmanship, coupled with aggressive use of available evidence to derive more evidence has changed my approach to deposing adverse parties.

Lawrence Witner, 1-yr atty, 1 adverse depo

Excellent practical content. This seminar has helped me to better conceptualize and organize what I've utilized in the past and opened my eyes to other techniques.

Kelly Hundley, 16-yr atty, 100+ adverse depos, Elarbee, Thompson, Sapp & Wilson, Atlanta

Best I've attended in light-years ... an essential seminar for any trial lawyer, regardless of experience level. Musante has outstanding stage presence; mastery of the material, use of vignettes, visuals and high impact teaching points. This presentation has caused me to reevaluate what I thought depositions were all about, and to approach them in the future with great care and preparation.

Alex Hart, 1-yr atty, Divine & Dorough, Albany

Extremely informative seminar. Content on cross-examination was extremely insightful and will be put to use immediately in my criminal practice.

Lawrence Lewis, 8-yr atty

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. I would recommend this seminar as a must for any litigator. I found that I have been doing some things right, but that I have also made many mistakes of omission. I will be more calculating and I will be better at distilling and clarifying the crap.

29-yr atty, 600+ adverse depos

Excellent. More useful information than any other seminar ever attended. I've been struggling to get to rules like these for years. I'm looking forward to my next deposition.

Len Ward, 12-yr atty, 50+ adverse depositions

Excellent practical content. Now I have an idea as to how to shape deposition questions, and what to look for in answers.

Marissa Milton, 3-yr atty

Excellent seminar. Lays out the groundwork that can assist inexperienced or experienced litigators in developing these skills. Excellent instructor; Robert's energy has made me want to get home and study the intricacies of learning these techniques. I have been told that depositions are just asking questions, but it is so much more if you want to craft your arguments for trial.

Kindu Walker, 2-yr atty, 2 adverse depositions

Best seminar I've had on depositions. This subject is sorely needed among the lawyers I've practiced around. I'm very glad I took the course ... and I hope few members of the defense bar take it ... I prefer to have as much advantage over my opponents as possible.

John A. Snyder, 5-yr atty, 25 adverse depositions

Very pertinent to my practice. Musante handles presenting a lot of material in a short time well. I now have a compass with which to navigate the legal road map.

Michael R. Ody, 2-yr atty, 3 adverse depositions

Excellent seminar. Very practical; very valuable. Will greatly improve the quality of my adverse depositions.

John Hughes Cooper, 22-yr atty, 200+ adverse depositions

Very engaging and entertaining instructor. Very helpful information. (The number of pages of notes determines how much I get out of it ... I have taken about 15 pages.) Upon implementation, should provide a distinct improvement to my adverse depositions.

Andee Dyer, 7-yr atty, 200-250 adverse depositions

Superior seminar. Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. I have had doubts about impeaching witnesses at deposition. This seminar convinces me that all impeachment issues should be brought up.

Mike Thompson, 25-yr atty, 100s of adverse depositions

Great practical information. Musante is excellent, very engaging. His "rules" are very different, but excellent ideas that I plan to put to use.

Shampa Bernstein, 6-yr atty, 2 adverse depositions

Extremely helpful -- this seminar stands to make you a better trial attorney, as well as a better deposing attorney. Excellent practical content -- a real "eye-opener". This should be a part of every litigation associate's training. Outstanding instructor. He has the style that will make many of his points "stick." I wasn't previously aware that there were any available rules for deposing attorneys.

Michael Cicero, 9 1/2-yr atty, 20 depositions

The most useful for day to day practice of any [CLEs] that I've attended. Very helpful. Helped me to prepare for depositions I plan to take Monday. I've been adding questions to my list all day.

Alison Huber Price, 11-yr atty, 20 adverse depositions

Much more valuable than other CLEs -- it gave me practical advice to put into practice, suited for immediate use. Gave better understanding of problems so as to have better springboard to solve problems. Musante was clear and organized. He fluidly weaves his points in with the examples.

Steven J. Hewitson, 2 1/2-yr atty, 10 depositions

Excellent practical content. Musante is solid, energetic and thoughtful. Far better, greater depth, compared to other seminars. I anticipate taking more thoughtful, focused and case-decisive depositions now.

Kali Wilson, Beyan, 3-yr atty, 10+ adverse depositions, Powell, Goldstein, Frazer & Murphy, Atlanta

This seminar has been more valuable than the other seminars I have taken because it makes you think about the deposition in real world terms...as potentially the most valuable part of the trial preparation. I found the practical content better than average. Musante works very hard to make the seminar both practical and instructive, without telling personal war stories, but instead addresses larger more archetypal situations.

Adam S. Katz, 1-yr atty

Excellent seminar. Excellent practical content. Excellent instructor.

Bruce Berger, 20+yr atty, 200+ depositions

Enlightening blend of theory and practice. Musante is comprehensible and clear. Will dramatically improve the quality of my adverse depositions.

Troy Brown, Powell, Goldstein, Frazer & Murphy, Atlanta

Very practical. Much more interesting than other seminars. Will be a great tool as I prepare to take my first depo.

Ashley Palermo, 1 1/2-yr atty, Powell, Goldstein, Frazer & Murphy, Atlanta

Very different from your average CLE seminars and much better. Outstanding practical content. Outstanding instructor. I now have some rules!

7-yr atty, 100 depositions

Very helpful. Musante is engaging, dynamic and fun.

Leah Knowlton, 15-yr atty, Powell, Goldstein, Frazer & Murphy, Atlanta

Excellent. Extremely valuable. The most practical of legal seminars I have attended. Musante's animated delivery drives home his useful techniques and reinforces effective practices.

Eric Prosser, 2-yr atty, 90 depositions

Above average. Very practical. [Musante] is entertaining and educational...no newspaper reading at this CLE. First seminar I've attended that specifically discussed depo rules -- very different from philosophy of many older lawyers who subscribe to orthodox rules.

John McKinley, 3-yr atty, 20 depositions

For general skills, as opposed to subject matter specific CLEs, this is one of the best. Practical content very good - it will allow me to organize my approach to depositions in a more logical way. Musante is very good in organizing amorphous concepts into concrete terms. Explains more clearly why certain things should be done in a deposition.

George P. Shingler, 24-yr atty, 300+ depositions

Best CLE by far. [Musante] is excellent. Quick pace covers lots of recurring depo problems. Lecture is precise and packed with lots of info that's helpful. This seminar does not have any unimportant info such as attorney war stories.

Phillip Ulan, 3-yr atty, 1 depo

Very practical content. Mr. Musante is an excellent teacher. His examples of the most successful deposition techniques and least effective techniques in the video clips were very instructive. This seminar was much more practical than most.

Leslie Skiba, Powell, Goldstein, Frazer & Murphy, Atlanta

Very valuable and useful. Engaging and intelligent instructor. His depo "rules" are more practical, in depth and they make more sense.

Tara Kinney, Powell, Goldstein, Frazer & Murphy, Atlanta

Far superior [to other CLEs]. Real belief in message. An evangelical deposition taker. [Content] was excellent. Dispels the fear that there is a solution for every difficult deposition situation. Best thing are the real life examples. [This seminar's set of depo rules] are 180 degrees opposite to those [I've previously employed].

10-yr atty, 5 depositions

I've probably been to 10-12 CLEs; this is either the best or second best I've been to. "Skills" seminars are always better than substantive law seminars, and this is the best skills seminar I've attended. [Musante] is excellent; his enthusiasm is appealing. Novel approach to credibility issues; very helpful.

5-yr atty, 50-70 depositions

Excellent! Easy to apply in deposition...a real eye-opener...focused on errors made in depositions and clear questions to correct those errors. Musante is very energetic...an excellent presenter. He makes concepts easy to follow. This seminar is by far the best.

10-yr atty, 80 adverse depositions

The practical content in this seminar is superior. After further review of the course materials, I expect to apply the ideas to future depositions with more successful results. Musante is an effective teacher.

5-yr atty, 15-20 adverse depositions

An outstanding communicator. Seminar very helpful, entertaining and hopefully valuable.

David Blackburn, 20-yr atty, 20 adverse depositions

Excellent seminar...wish I had the class years ago. Excellent speaker. Seminar in the top 10.

Tim McCollom, 20-yr atty, 30 adverse depositions

This course is very helpful in explaining systematic rules that can be applied in any deposition. Most lawyers tell me that taking depositions is about "making up questions", but this course shows a more systematic approach. The principles are explained clearly through useful and practical examples...the slides are entertaining.

2-yr atty, 0 adverse depositions

Excellent seminar...superb speaker. Intensive seminar but very entertaining. Seminar better than any other on depositions in my 33 years of practice.

Franklin Nix, 33-yr atty, 100s of adverse depos

Practically, this is some of the clearest and most appropriate content I've received in a CLE. This should be taught at my law school in this way. Musante is an engaging speaker/teacher who uses appropriate humor for his audience.

Tashia Zeigler, 1-yr atty, 0 adverse depos

Seminar reiterates common sense tenets of trial practice that law schools should teach, but don't. Musante is funny and engaging...a bit spastic at times, but overall enjoyable.

Anne Zavala Moushey, 6-yr atty, 20+ adverse depos

Excellent seminar...focuses on what yields resolution of the case. Excellent speaker...keeps your attention.

Jeff Veal, 20-yr atty, 100+ adverse depos

Very useful seminar...excellent speaker. Superior seminar compared to others because of the video examples.

Tremelle Fishburne, 10-yr atty, 50 adverse depos

Excellent seminar...well-paced and coherent. Musante is very good...reminds me of Hugh Laurie ("House"). Seminar better than the vast majority.

Jon McPhail, 24-yr atty, 100s of adverse depos

Excellent seminar...clear and concise. Outstanding speaker. I did not doze for one second.

Iris, 6-yr atty, 4 adverse depos

Excellent seminar...good mix of technique and theory...well thought out. Musante has an infectious enthusiasm for his subject matter. He also is able to make abstract theory concrete. Best seminar I have attended on this subject matter.

Jim Rhoads, 40-yr atty, 200+ adverse depos

A useful and well organized seminar. Musante is enthusiastic, entertaining and thoroughly prepared. This seminar is well above the quality of the typical CLE program.

3-yr atty, 15 adverse depos

Great material that is easy to follow. Wholly applicable to all aspects of cross examination...very helpful. FANTASTIC speaker!! Best layout with great practical examples.

Kelli Leaf, 5-yr atty, 0 adverse depositions

Exploring new tips and techniques which I can use right away in my job. On a scale of 1-10, I rate Musante a 10...he is informative, honest, objective and personable.

Penelope Morris, 10-yr atty, 100+ adverse depositions

The seminar is the most helpful info about depositions I have ever been exposed to in 8 years of practice. Outstanding speaker! Seminar by far the best...no comparison.

David Gunter, 8-yr atty, 50 adverse depositions

Musante is able to communicate information well and keep the audience's attention.

Damon J. Whitaker, Powell, Goldstein, Frazer & Murphy, Atlanta

This seminar has been very good. It was better than most CLE seminars. Content was very practical, a lot of information. The teacher is good at communicating the subject matter.

Rodney K. Strong, 7-yr atty, 25 depositions

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. Very good presentation, lots of information.

Paige Stanley, 1-yr atty, Powell, Goldstein, Frazer & Murphy, Atlanta

Great seminar! Excellent practical content. Applicable and relevant common sense and easy to apply concepts. Musante is excellent, fast-paced but engaging. I never lost focus, nor was I ever bored with the (day-long) presentation. My skills will be greatly improved.

Vickie Carlton, Powell, Goldstein, Frazer & Murphy, Atlanta

Excellent personal touch seminar. Good use of videos and exhibits. Thorough content; [Musante] has excellent manner of relating evidence. Good theory [of deposition rules]; one that I have not been exposed to.

5-yr atty, 25 depositions

Very good. Although I have employed some of the rules taught in the past, it is very helpful to have a framework with which to attack recurring deposition situations. Practical content excellent. Musante excellent. [This seminar's set of deposition rules] much better. I would highly recommend the course to others.

7-yr atty, 25+ depositions

Tears away the veil over the "theoretical model" behind things which are often instinct. I will be able to be more methodical in the future. Great seminar!

Karen M. Patten, 6-yr atty, 100+ depositions

Much more valuable than any CLE I have ever attended -- actually supplied useful information and kept my attention. Very practical -- used useful examples but gave principles general enough to apply to different types of cases. [Musante] easy to follow, charismatic and kept my attention.

2-yr atty, 8 depositions

I'll definitely use some of the techniques as early as next week! Very practical stuff here. The [video] examples were very good! The seminar was well-delivered and instructive. I liked the quick delivery of the materials, too. The identification of "crap" was excellent...shows importance and ease of good follow-up questions.

2-yr atty, 4 depositions

This is one of the best seminars I have attended. Content extremely practical. [Musante] is an energetic instructor who sprinkles humor appropriately through his presentation. Overall - excellent. It confirms some [already employed deposition rules] and adds many valuable additional rules.

Scott Casey, 4-yr atty, 20 depositions

Kept my attention more than most. Liked the use of examples; well integrated with course content; entertaining and informative instructor. [Set of deposition rules] more creative, more systematic; provides strategy.

Calvin Jellema, 6-yr atty, 10 depositions

Very practical. Practical solutions to frequent problems. I particularly liked the videotapes, seeing it with my own eyes. [Instructor's teaching ability] extremely high. A lot of information to cover, but I think he moved it along quickly; used good examples. Hopeful with obstacles and how to get around problems.

5-yr atty, 50 depositions

Very valuable - depositions are key component of my practice. Practical content was mostly a review of what I already knew, but well organized and the handbook will provide a useful checklist. [Musante] was excellent! Very enthusiastic! Great sense of humor! Animated presentation! Topics were useful teaching tools and I will remember them easily. I much prefer a presentation with themes and buzz words such as this one.

Lesli Seta, 6-yr atty, 400 depositions

Best seminar I've attended. Very practical; instructor very good. These are the first deposition "rules" I've encountered; will improve my adverse depositions to a large extent.
Anonymous, Powell, Goldstein, Frazer & Murphy, Atlanta

Definitely the most informative and entertaining legal seminar I have been to. Will be greatly influential in my practice.
Kinshasa Williams, 1 1/2-yr atty, Powell, Goldstein, Frazer & Murphy, Atlanta

Well above average CLE seminar. Practical content and instructor excellent. Clarified general [deposition] rules I employ and brought them to next level.
8-yr atty, 250+ depositions

Extremely practical, interesting presentation.
3-yr atty, 3 adverse depositions

A+! As a reformed (ie basically non-practicing) litigator, this seminar almost makes me want to get back into the active litigation fray. Musante is very engaging, informative, but not overly pedagogy-filled. This seminar is far superior to others; I actually looked forward to the continuation after the break.
Jami Kohn, 5-yr atty, 10 adverse depositions, Weinstock & Scavo

I am pleased with the practical content of the seminar...Musante is energetic...provided real life examples. This seminar ranks as one of the best. Will improve the quality of my adverse depositions immensely.
4-yr atty

Very good seminar...excellent speaker. As good or better than others; will allow me to take better depositions.
Mel Drukman, 17-yr atty, 6 adverse depositions

Helpful seminar. Musante is a dynamic and entertaining presenter...he used media well to enhance his message. This seminar is among the top 10% of those I've attended.
Warren Shulman, 35-yr atty, 500+ adverse depositions

Excellent seminar! Very good speaker! The best!
Mark E. Robinson, 17-yr atty, 1000 adverse depositions, Devlin & Robinson

Articulates deposition-taking principles in a thoughtful way. Good job.
David Turner, 16-yr atty, 200 adverse depositions

Very practical seminar...new way to think about depo strategy. Musante very engaging...I really like the real life demonstrations/examples. I will come at questioning the adverse witness in a more logical way; also gets me to refocus interrogatories so as to have more information before going into a depo.
13-yr atty, 4 adverse depositions

Excellent seminar. Musante very engaging, lots of examples from real life fully demonstrated the points he was trying to make.
14-yr atty, 25 adverse depositions

Very good. Very entertaining speaker. Seminar better than most. I don't have much experience, but I haven't really seen these principles used by more experienced litigators either.
5-yr atty, 5 adverse depositions, Carlock & Copeland

Excellent seminar...Musante is an excellent attention-getter. Seminar better than most others. Will improve my adverse depositions substantially.
Joel Myers, 6-yr atty, 6 adverse depositions

Very practical seminar...excellent speaker. This seminar is more entertaining than others.
2-yr atty, 1 adverse depo

Very helpful. Musante is sincere; believes in helping others improve. This seminar is better than others...well organized and moved along.
22-yr atty, 250+ adverse depositions

Practical content is logical and effectively buttressed with examples. Musante has great enthusiasm and explanatory capabilities. Gave me a greater appreciation for the skill level needed to become an effective cross-examiner.
Ashish Patel, 2-yr atty, 4 adverse depositions, Myers & Kaplan

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. Highest quality.
8-yr atty, 100 adverse depositions, Cook, Youngelson & Wiggins

Very good seminar...I liked the use of examples and multi-media presentation. Far better and more practical than the one other seminar I've attended.

Monica Garcia, 1-yr atty

A new approach that made you think about the validity of many old legal assumptions. Musante really made an effort to keep your interest; animated, very interesting visuals. This seminar was much better at keeping me involved and making me think.

Ruth Woodling, 20+-yr atty, 200+ adverse depositions

Seminar great for attorneys whose clients intend to settle, rather than try the case. Great examples used. I actually desired to stay for the entire time.

3-yr atty, 100+ adverse depositions

One of the best. Very informative and helpful. Helps dispel many myths attorneys believe about depositions. Musante very high quality ...entertaining and informative ... keeps your attention.

Al Smith, 19-yr atty, 200 adverse depositions

Quality of practical content is very high. Musante is a clear, effective presenter. As a nearly brand new lawyer, I appreciate seeing the method to taking depositions dissected.

1-yr atty

Very helpful seminar. Much more interesting than others I've attended. The real world examples help the points stick. Musante is one of the better speakers I've heard.

2-yr atty, 6-7 adverse depositions

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor.

9-yr atty, 50 adverse depositions

Held my attention ... useful info ... I didn't want to miss any of it.

10-yr atty

One of the best, as is the "Expert" depo seminar. Can apply the principles to my very next deposition.

Stephen V. Kern, 23-yr atty, 500-1000 adverse depositions

"Mastering the Toughest-to-Craft Credibility Arguments!"

A good plan and structure to plan depositions...excellent materials and video examples. Musante is excellent...well-prepared, entertaining and not your usual war stories. As a former teacher, I wish I had anything as good [as the video clips in illuminating the teaching points].
Anonymous

I have been practicing law for 3 years and Musante's seminar was extremely informative and helpful. I can look back on depositions I have taken where I have encountered identical situations as we discussed here. Musante is a very able speaker. Video clips were superb...they were tied in to the teaching points and it was wonderful to see Musante's examples in "real life" situations that all the participants were aware of. [After taking this seminar], I think that I can recognize areas during my depositions now where I can utilize the tactics we discussed during the seminar.

Kristen Rectenwald, 3-yr atty, 15 adverse depos

Good seminar content. This is the second time I have attended a seminar from Musante. He is an excellent speaker with thought-provoking content. Video clips were well played and added realism to the teaching points. I hope to be more aware and actively involved in cross-examination of witnesses, listening better, and taking a more leading role, and in turn, obtaining testimony I want from the witness.

Patrick Phillips, 7-yr atty, 25 adverse depos

Useful seminar content--a lot of thought was put into the materials. Video clips were my favorite part.

Brandy Daswani, 3-yr atty, 7 adverse depos

Very good seminar...excellent speaker. The teachings that we need to be always alert to make the implicit express is by itself worth the price of the seminar.

20-yr atty, 10 adverse depos

Strong seminar...good examples. Musante is very strong...logical progression and good explanations of rationale behind the principles.

W. Jerad Rissler, 3-yr atty, 10 adverse depos

Seminar presents good ways to attack the credibility, but would have liked more concise tips for formulating strategies. Info was hard to tie together to apply in practical ways. Some of the best teaching points were in Powerpoint.

2-yr atty

Very good seminar...very good speaker. Videos very illustrative and broke up the presentation to make it more entertaining than a pure lecture.

Matt Maguire, 10-yr atty, 150 adverse depos

Good seminar...very good speaker. The seminar will help with grand jury exams and trial cross.
Richard Glaze, 6-yr atty, 3 adverse depos

Interesting seminar, challenging and refreshing. An inspirational speaker. The seminar will make me rethink the order of questions and its immediate utilization for settlement.
Edwin, 36-yr atty, 200 adverse depos

Good seminar...good speaker, entertaining. Musante gave practical examples to learn how to apply principles taught. Many videos were very helpful to show how to apply the principles. The seminar has given me more avenues to think about and explore to get more information.
1-yr atty

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. I enjoyed Musante's seminar last year so I returned this year for more.
20-yr atty, 100s adverse depos

Seminar content will apply to my practice. Musante is good--thank you. Videos kept me interested. I will ask more leading questions in a discovery deposition and use more rhetoric.
Kathleen Hurley, 5-yr atty, 50 adverse depos

A very practical seminar...very good speaker. The seminar made me realize I have done a lot of things right but have also done a few things wrong.
Perry Phillips, 26-yr atty, 200+ adverse depos

Highly useful seminar...excellent speaker. Videos fleshed out the teaching points nicely, and were very entertaining. I will take depositions more seriously as an opportunity to build an argument.
15-yr atty, 15 adverse depos

Very good seminar...examples and transcripts in the materials were helpful, as were video clips of trial and other exams. The seminar should make an immediate impact...help me to expand my cross, and take advantage of the answers.
9-yr atty, 200 adverse depos

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"Attacking the Expert's Opinion"

Excellent seminar. Musante has armed me with enough content to take a better expert deposition tomorrow. His logic and humor are powerful pedagogical tools and Musante knows how to use them.

David Johnson, 400+ expert depositions, Atlanta

Excellent seminar. Robert's passion comes through and he keeps students' "eyes forward and ears open!" Seminar far superior to others.

Lance LoRusso, 10+ expert depositions

Very helpful seminar. Excellent speaker...high energy, smart, funny. This seminar will help improve my expert depositions to a great extent.

Rebecca Williams, Troutman Sanders, Atlanta

Very good review with great illustrations. Musante is articulate, lively, informative, knowledgeable...I'd attend another seminar.

Anonymous, Atlanta

Highly practical seminar...top notch speaker...candid, funny, snappy...class doesn't bog down. Seminar much better than others because it focuses on methodology rather than merely examples.

Anonymous, Atlanta

Excellent seminar...best seminar on expert opinion I've taken. Excellent speaker. Seminar much better than others.

Norman Crowe

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. Seminar far superior to others.

Jay Patton, 10 expert depositions

"A+" seminar...very good speaker.

Keith Scott, 10+ expert depositions

Excellent...enjoyed the examples, highlights, listening to the precise words used by expert as opposed to the "gist" of opinion. Excellent speaker. I will listen much more carefully to the expert and hammer him for hypocrisy or "wiggle" words.

Thomas Walker, 20+ expert depositions

Presentation provided tangible, concrete and easy to understand concepts. Broken down into very logical steps and provides a check list. Musante is excellent! Engaging, funny, and very clear. Great use of teaching tools too...really enjoyed the OJ clips--very illustrative of points taught--and the handouts and Powerpoint presentation.
Terri Piazza, 15 expert depositions

Strong seminar...excellent speaker. The seminar will sharpen my focus of attack.
Marvin Pastel, 20+ expert depositions

Excellent speaker! He is very dynamic and energetic. He pauses to allow for questions and is very accessible during breaks. I will engage in better critical listening and be prepared to look more closely and X and Y factors.
5-10 expert depositions

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. This seminar is much more practical than others.
Leigh Bodner

Superior seminar...very good speaker. This seminar will provide me with more structure and practical approach to future depositions.
Bill Shepherd, 10 expert depositions, Morris Manning & Martin, Atlanta

Very clear, concise and relevant seminar. Musante's presentation was excellent...very engaging.
Anonymous, Atlanta

Very good seminar... solid tips were definitely covered. Musante is excellent. He seems to have boundless energy.
Dennis Kurz, 2 expert depositions, The Rose Law Firm, Atlanta

Excellent seminar...it gave reason to re-evaluate my principle of "impeach only at trial."
Musante is excellent...his passion for subject matter, visual aids and great sense of humor make this a lively program. This seminar turns exercise into art, not just function.
Anonymous, Atlanta

Very good seminar...extremely good teacher. Top tier seminar.
Anonymous, Atlanta

Very practical seminar. Excellent speaker. He clearly put a great deal of time and effort into making the presentation interesting and useful.

Anonymous, Atlanta

Excellent seminar...very good speaker. The best. This seminar will improve the quality of my future expert depositions from night to day. It is like starting over after 3 decades.

John McGill, 12 expert depositions

Good seminar...good speaker. This seminar is better than most I have attended. I believe the seminar will help improve my depositions immeasurably.

Anonymous, Atlanta

Enormously valuable. Superb instructor. Use of Baden testimony was extraordinarily effective. Will improve the quality of my adverse expert depositions immeasurably.

William M. Dreyer

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. As good or better than other "expert" deposition seminars.

Andrew J. Hamilton, 200+ expert depositions, Hamilton, Westby, Antonowich & Anderson, LLC, Atlanta

The rapid-fire presentation is good. It keeps the attention of all attendees and delivers more information. Musante is very knowledgeable and confident, which corroborates the material. The questions provoke creative thinking. I believe in this system and will use it in my next adverse expert deposition.

David R. Moore, Peachtree Law Group, PA, Atlanta

Excellent practical content. Musante is excellent, engaging, articulate and comprehensive. Will greatly improve my adverse expert depositions.

Bridgette Eckerson, Budd, Larner, Rosenbaum, Greenberg & Sade, Atlanta

Excellent practical content. Extremely effective style of teaching. Superior compared to other expert deposition seminars. Has provided valuable insights into attacking an expert's opinions through a structured cross-examination at deposition.

Gary Thomas, 3 expert depositions

Excellent instructor. Best audio/visual presentation ever seen or witnessed. Appears to be the best tactic I've come across. As a sole practitioner, I have to really weigh the cost and productivity lost during seminar time vs. the benefits. This seminar gives me tools I need to effectively depose experts. I will improve immensely.

William C. Gottschalk

Very practical and can transfer into practice. Musante does a good job of keeping audience's attention. It will improve my depositions tremendously. Provides a framework in which to take an adverse expert's deposition.

Bryan Baer, 1 expert depo, Drew, Eckl & Farnham, LLP, Atlanta

Very helpful; very interesting and interactive instructor. It will help me to remain focused and be more probing during expert depositions.

Monica Owens, Decker, Hallman, Barber & Briggs, Atlanta

Engaging and authoritative instructor. Valuable because it's a fresh look at the subject; a logical approach.

Tom Lundin, 5 expert depositions, King & Spalding, Atlanta

Very strong instructor. While I already employed some of these techniques, the seminar will help put these elements in a consistent and logical formula.

Deanna Johnson, 30+ expert depositions, Cruser & Mitchell, LLP, Atlanta

One of the better seminars I've attended. Moves very quickly so it is hard to cover all the info, but the points that are covered are helpful. Will be helpful to my adverse expert depositions for certain.

Rob Hoskyn, 5-10 expert depositions, Morris, Manning & Martin, LLP, Atlanta

Fabulous – very insightful, logical and seemingly easy to apply principles. Musante is great, very engaging and down-to-earth. Will hopefully improve my expert depositions a lot! I know I will be better prepared for my slew of upcoming expert depositions.

Danielle Cole, 3 expert depositions, Hall, Booth, Smith & Slover, PC, Atlanta

Best I have attended.

Tim Bumann, Budd, Lerner, Gross, Rosenbaum, Greenberg, Atlanta

Excellent practical content. Excellent instructor ... the best I've seen. Better than other "expert" seminars, more practical info, less war stories.

Tom Reilly, 3 expert depositions, Troutman Sanders, LLP

Very practical content. Excellent instructor. Will help my expert depositions significantly.

Kenneth R. Ozment, 1 expert depo

A+. I'm very pleased with what I've learned and eager to use my new-found knowledge. Musante is wonderful – engaging and motivating – made the presentation interesting and draws audience in.

Karen Smiley Focia, 2 expert depositions, Finley & Buckey, PC, Atlanta

Very practical; gives a good methodology for preparing for and taking any expert deposition. Musante is effective and entertaining. Will improve my expert depositions by providing a clear method/direction and some basic objectives.

30 expert depositions

Very enjoyable seminar as well as a very effective learning experience. Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. This is far superior to other expert deposition seminars. Will definitely improve the quality of my expert depositions.

20+ expert depositions

Great substantive information. If I can synthesize the info provided, I think the seminar will greatly improve the quality of my expert depositions.

Anonymous, Atlanta

Very helpful in taking analytical approach breaking down expert testimony. Better, more practical than other "expert" seminars; not too focused on expert's subject matter.

20+ expert depositions

Helpful information; very engaging and entertaining instructor.

Anonymous, Atlanta

Extremely helpful. Very strong teaching ability. Much better than the other two "expert" seminars I've attended.

10 expert depositions

Very useful. Excellent instructor. Good analogies and examples, visual aids very helpful.

Anonymous, Atlanta

Excellent practical content. Disturbing not to have come across this sooner. Musante is a great communicator. Will improve my expert depositions considerably.

20 expert depositions

Excellent practical content; high teaching ability. Superior compared to others. I will improve significantly.

14 expert depositions

Very good practical content; easily and quickly applied to my practice. Musante is very good, interesting and informative. Will greatly improve my expert depositions.

2 expert depositions

Excellent practical content. Much better than other "expert" seminars. I have no doubt my expert depositions will improve.

20 expert depositions

This seminar is very conceptual but also very practical. Musante is very interesting and uses a/v components well. Because there is so much material, should be two days. Will allow me to frame better questions and pin down the expert.

2 expert depositions

Excellent practical content. I am not experienced and this frames my questions and helps me know how to structure my line of questions and presentation.

5-10 expert depositions

Excellent seminar...very thought-provoking. Musante is an excellent teacher...quick sense of humor.

Anonymous, Atlanta

Musante is exceptionally engaging. Very good specific pointers and techniques for expert cross. Scott Creasman, 20 expert depositions, Powell Goldstein

Excellent practical content! Excellent instructor! Every lawyer should be required to take every Musante seminar. Seminar proved his paradigm conclusively. Should I ever take an expert deposition, I will be prepared, thanks to this seminar.

Salena Gordon, Powell Goldstein

This seminar proved highly informative, and is well worth attending for any practicing attorney. Musante is highly effective. His construct " $O=R+2F$ " is now a universal formula to me. I am a new attorney, thus, I found this seminar to provide me with a valuable foundation.

Sanjay Ghosh, Powell Goldstein

The nuggets of the seminar are excellent. Very many practical suggestions as to approaching and conducting expert depositions. I enjoy the speaker's approach and was impressed by his ability. It most certainly will improve the quality of my expert deposition preparation.

Carl Gebo, 3 expert depositions, Powell Goldstein

Musante is terrific, very entertaining.

Ryan Pumpian, 2 expert depositions, Powell Goldstein

Great practical content. Great instructor, very interesting and engaging style. It gave me an excellent foundation from which to depose an adverse expert.

Eugene Smith, Powell Goldstein

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. Very helpful to go through logically how to analyze and take apart expert opinion.

2 expert depositions, Powell Goldstein

Excellent. Mix of video and audio was very effective.

200 expert depositions

Provides a terrific foundation for organizing not only depositions but also eliminating factual issues for trial.

Anonymous

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor.

Anonymous

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Comments from [Hawaii](#) attorneys who attended "Great! Adverse Depositions: Principles and Principal Techniques" and/or "The 25 Credibility Arguments for Deposition and Trial"

"Great! Adverse Depositions: Principles and Principal Techniques"

Excellent! Best seminar I have been to in 10 years, and the first seminar in 5 years that I came back to after lunch, other than the ones I taught. I knew and used most of the deposition rules instinctively but this gave me a good organizational structure and logic to help me use them more consistently and effectively. I liked it so much I'm going twice.

Jim Bickerton, 18-yr attorney

Excellent. Clear and effective.

Roy Tjioe, 16-yr attorney, dozens of adverse depositions, Goodsill, Anderson, Quinn & Stifel

Very well done. [Musante] should write a book. Well thought out structure. Expands upon [deposition rules]. Better result-oriented method to effectuate settlement. Very good.

Matthew Kohm, 5-yr atty, 30-40 adverse depos

Seminar delivered far and beyond. The most useful CLE because it makes sense to anyone who advocates. I'm grateful to have learned this common-sense, effective and killer method of deposing witnesses. I loved the use of current events and it doesn't hurt to have the sense of humor Musante has. Mahalo!

Renee Yoshimura, 1-yr atty

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. Will improve the quality of my adverse depos tremendously.

Andrew Stewart, 1/2-yr atty, Honolulu

Seminar is excellent in content and delivery. Musante's considerable effort on disciplined thinking about adverse depositions should be put into a book. Good stories, good examples and good self-deprecation and humor.

Dan Bent, 27-year atty, "hundreds" of adverse depos

More practical and more entertaining than other full-day litigation seminars. Excellent practical content and excellent instructor.

Jon Steiner, 6-yr atty, 10 adverse depos

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor.

Arlene Jouxson, 3-yr atty, Honolulu

Extremely valuable. Musante is very colorful and entertaining.

25-yr atty, 100+ adverse adverse depos

Excellent! Better than almost all. [Practical content] excellent; Musante is excellent.

20-yr atty, 60 adverse depos

By far the best and most useful CLE. This seminar's set of depo rules makes mine look "stupid".

Chris Dias, 5-yr atty, 25 adverse depos

Excellent practical content.

A. Agard, 18-yr atty, 50-65 adverse depos

Among the best. Excellent, full of practical advice some of which is counterintuitive at first. Instructor is A+.
Ken Kuniyuki, 31-yr atty, hundreds of adverse depositions

Best I have attended. Outstanding practical content and outstanding instructor.
20-yr atty, Honolulu

Excellent! This is the first time I have seen deposition techniques broken down into such a logical fashion.
1-yr atty, 15 adverse depositions

I don't ordinarily dole out compliments freely, but the seminar was really quite excellent. I mean really good. Two things that Musante did well was to press on instead of getting hung up on a question (sticking to his schedule) and he didn't try to be too funny. The seminar was way, way better than others.
2-yr atty, 0 adverse depositions

Excellent presenter, useful and practical content, attention-keeping. Set of deposition rules were more contemporary, a novel approach to look at what my adversary is up to!
13-yr atty, 10 adverse depositions

Compares very favorably to other CLEs. Expands and clarifies by creating a framework for deposition tactics. Explains use and methods. Belabors the obvious, but sometimes the obvious needs belaboring.
Bruce F. Sherman, 14-yr atty, 50 adverse depositions

Far superior to other like seminars. I used to believe adverse depositions were only about "battleships," but this seminar convinces me that adverse depositions should be part of the argument for trial, including the use of impeachment material at the adverse deposition.
25-yr atty, 150 adverse depositions

Best I have attended. Interesting and practical. I'll be trying to use much of this in my next deposition. Musante is great, interesting, enthusiastic and enjoyable. The deposition rules are novel to me and they make sense.
2-yr atty, 3 adverse depositions

Very good. It quantifies a lot of techniques that have never been put in an organized form before. Musante is dynamic, holds interest, above average. The set of deposition rules establishes general guidelines to things I've viewed as fact-specific.

5-yr atty, 50-60 adverse depos

Very, very good value, both in content and price/cost. I hope I can put what I heard to use. Musante is excellent - one of the best seminars I've attended. Has made me rethink what I will do in future. (Only reason to deduct points: for the comment about being happy that Duke women beat Lady Vols!)

10-yr atty, 50+ adverse depos

The best. Intelligent presenter; interestingly presented, important information and inspiring. Excellent! Learned something new every moment. Musante was excellent, kept my attention, and readily understandable. High above any others! Stellar. Can't wait for my next depo!

15-yr atty, 15 adverse depos

Excellent, practical and easily understandable; analytical way to approach problems arising at depo. Good use of videos to illustrate points.

25 adverse depos

Comments from [Hawaii](#) attorneys who attended "Attacking the Expert's Opinion" and/or "Attacking the Expert's Pedestal"

More valuable than other CLEs I've attended. This seminar features practical methods for taking expert depositions. The methodology is useful to both the inexperienced practitioner and the experienced litigator. Musante has strong teaching abilities.

G. Stephen Elisha, 40+ expert depos

Best seminar I've taken. Musante doesn't lecture; he illustrates by example. The content is practical and hard-hitting; nothing you learned in law school, but should have. Musante is entertaining and brilliantly incorporates demonstrative aids together with a notorious case. This seminar works!

Robert D. Kawamura, 10 expert depos

More valuable than any other one-day litigation skills seminar. Excellent practical content. Excellent instructor.

Marty Fritz, 50 expert depos

Excellent. I wish I had taken the "Adverse" seminar yesterday. (I will next year.) One of the best seminars I have attended. Good content, appropriate time spent on topics. The use of Baden's testimony was very effective. Kept things interesting and everyone involved.

Darren Matsuda

Excellent. Excellent. Excellent.
Barbara Fabrey, 1 expert depo

Excellent! Outstanding instructor. I liked the speed -- kept my attention.
Anthony Ranken, 10 expert depos

Great value -- an eye-opener. Very good practical content; great instructor.
Everett Arskaden, 25 expert depos

Excellent practical content. Excellent instructor. Will improve my advocacy to a reasonable degree of certainty.
Eric Young

Solid content presented in an entertaining manner. A+ instructor.
Ken Kuniyaki, "many" expert depos

Excellent practical content. Informative, thought-provoking and entertaining. Tools for improvement.
Cheryl Tipton

Informative and entertaining. Will definitely help my adverse depositions!
Anonymous

Excellent practical content. Excellent instructor. Loved it, especially the "chart." This seminar will provide persuasive arguments in one of my trials later this month. The use of Baden's testimony was extremely effective and interesting.
Anonymous, 10-yr atty

The best! Excellent instructor and practical content.
Anonymous, 5 expert depos

Very full half day. Musante was great. Very useful practical content.
Anonymous

Very useful and practical. Musante was entertaining and convincing.
Anonymous

Valuable practical content. Very good instructor. Effective teaching tools.
Anonymous, 5 expert depositions

Excellent dynamic instructor. Organized breakdown of opinions. Good use of live examples of rules.
Anonymous, 25 expert depositions

The best CLE I've attended. Excellent practical content and excellent instructor. The universality of the structure of the "Opinion" attacks was very valuable.
Anonymous, 100+ expert depositions

Much, much more useful information obtained than from other CLEs. Excellent practical content; wish we could have had an entire day! Musante is excellent.
Anonymous, "many" expert depositions

Entertaining and useful!
Anonymous, 50 expert depositions

Excellent practical content. Excellent instructor.
Anonymous, 100+ expert depositions

This is one of the few seminars that I can honestly say I got my "money's worth."
Anonymous, 25+ expert depositions

This seminar was far more dynamic and enjoyable than other CLEs. What with instructor's personality, film clips, power points in addition to pithy material. Very good practical content; very helpful in itemizing factors to consider. Musante was very good, compelling and likable.
15-20 expert depositions

High practical content. Musante was excellent. This seminar is equal to the best.
15 expert depositions

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Comments from [Chicago](#) area attorneys who attended "Great! Adverse Depositions: Principles and Principal Techniques" and/or "The 25 Credibility Arguments for Deposition and Trial"
"Great! Adverse Depositions: Principles and Principal Techniques"

I stopped going to seminars regularly when Irving Younger died; Musante is Younger's heir-apparent. Well worth both the time and the money. Musante is what law school deans refer to as a "dancing bear" - too entertaining to compare to normal legal teaching/too intellectually talented to miss. My son is in grad school to be a teacher; I sent him to Musante's seminar to learn how to teach.

Kevin Connelly, 25-yr atty, "too many" adverse depositions, Connelly, Sheehan & Moran

Too often seminars are anecdotal, narcissistic and boring. [Musante's] seminar was well-organized, fast-moving, humorous and filled with practical how-to information. I took two adverse depositions this week [following the seminar] that were critical to a case that will turn in substantial part on credibility of the witnesses. The fine results achieved are directly attributable to [Musante's] coaching....I am already telling every lawyer I know that takes depositions to go [to this seminar].

Shelley R. Smith, Chicago attorney

The seminar was more valuable than most litigation seminars because you [Musante] provide sound reasons for the rules guiding deposition taking. The content made me think about the situations I currently have pending and made me re-evaluate some of the cases. [Musante] was excellent. He was thoughtful, animated and varied the presentation. [The seminar's set of deposition rules] make more sense than the "orthodox" rules.

James A. Roth, 14-yr atty, 50 adverse depositions

Excellent seminar. Top-notch. Twice I've had the privilege to be regaled by Mr. Musante's highly informative, thought-provoking, entertaining teaching. I am convinced now more than ever that he is right, and that there are "stupid" orthodoxies that I admittedly have followed before. I am a BELIEVER; the depositions I have taken since the first time have been MUCH better.

James Oh, 15-yr atty, 75 adverse depositions, Connelly, Sheehan & Moran

This seminar showed me a brand new way of thinking about depositions. They've taken on more importance in my practice. This seminar is very different and phenomenally of greater use than other depo seminars. There will be a vast improvement in the quality of my depositions.

Ken Battle, 5-yr atty, 25+ adverse depositions

Excellent...seminar examples are great: Clinton, George Will, David Boies, etc. This seminar is better than most--more informative and interesting.

Stephen Wood, 11-yr atty, 200 adverse depositions

Among the best seminars! It very directly deals with and brings us back to the real purpose for which depositions are taken. I was initially reluctant about disclosing impeachment evidence, but now I'm convinced that the rules set forth in this course are absolutely correct!

Lori A. Owens, 15-yr atty, 150+ adverse depositions

Excellent seminar...excellent instructor. Seminar provides structure and common sense expression to a lot of thoughts many of us have had and further provides a number of new and valuable techniques. The best seminar!

Charles W. Cross, 27-yr atty, 1000+ adverse depos

Superior seminar...excellent practical content. I have always needed some way to model my preparation and now I have it.

Tom Kolodz, 17-yr atty, 25 adverse depos, Northwest Suburban Bar Assn

This is probably the best, most informative seminar. Musante is very captivating; he kept my attention throughout the seminar. On a scale of 1-10, at least a 9.

Sharon Ferguson, 1-yr atty, 1 adverse depo

Very useful - I feel like I have a lot to think about and am eager to try some of these tools out. Way ahead, useful, canny & pragmatic.

Penny Nathan Kahan, 20-yr atty, 30 adverse depos

This seminar is excellent and unlike any other I've attended or know of. Musante is my deposition guru. I admire his passion and conviction of his views. I am also persuaded he is right. I am set to take over 30 depos this summer for an October trial. I plan to spend the next 2 weeks in my office...door closed...applying what I have learned today.

Michael Sheehan, 19-yr atty, 500+ adverse depos, Connelly, Sheehan & Moran

I've been to numerous good seminars, but this is probably the one I needed the most to improve my practice. The seminar gave me both analytical tools and practical examples for taking a "killer" deposition. I'm looking forward to using them at my next deposition! Musante was very good, left me wanting to hear more.

Alenna K. Bolin, 8-yr atty, 60 adverse depos

Excellent, I've attended several CLE courses and this one was the most practical for everyday lawyering. Very practical content. I know that I can walk out today and implement new practices and methods of thinking that will not only make me a better lawyer, but better serve my clients as well. Musante is very talented, clear, focused, entertaining and able to narrow ideas down to a functional practice and sharp legal tool.

Anonymous

I practice criminal law so I compared it with cross-exam rules - I found it consistent; it expounded on the good rules, training and advice I received in the past.

Carmen Spiropoulos, 2-yr atty

Excellent seminar...something to be used in every case to improve the odds of a better result for my clients. Musante is a powerful speaker...provides a great framework to hone your skills with these tools...great pacing. This seminar is better than almost everything I've taken...it's in depth, effective, smart, vital.

Gregory Ladle, 5-yr atty, 50 adverse depos

Excellent seminar...clearly there are different styles/approaches to depositions. Robert demonstrates the advantages of his "disciplined" approach. Musante is better than most teachers who actually have teaching background. The POTUS demos were a good demonstration to keep people's attention right after lunch.

Gregory Caravajal, 1-yr atty, 2 adverse depos

Excellent practical content...excellent speaker--knowledgeable, organized and a great delivery. Kept my interest from start to finish. This seminar is practical, hands-on, and teaches an easy to remember methodology.

Anonymous, 9-yr atty, 0 adverse depos

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. Seminar better than most, and fewer war stories.

Dan Dever, 30-yr atty, 1,000 adverse depos

Excellent presented seminar...dissected what good questioning/cross-examination requires. Very good speaker...good pace...keeps your interest. Robert is a seasoned veteran--his seminar is better than most I have attended.

Anonymous, 28-yr atty, 100s of adverse depos

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. Awesome video clips.

Tyra Lewis, 6-yr atty, 70 adverse depos

Great seminar...Musante's energy kept my attention throughout. It really made me question my style and change my opinion as to leading questions. Great teacher.

Amy Grogan, 11-yr atty, 20 adverse depos

Extremely useful and beneficial seminar. Musante is unbelievable...kept it interesting the whole time. I was never bored...generally hate seminars. Excellent job. Best seminar by far.

Anonymous, 9-yr atty, 15 adverse depos

Extremely thought-provoking seminar and useful...conscious application of principles will improve efficacy of my deposition skills immeasurably. Excellent speaker.

Colleen Hammond, 15-yr atty, 5 adverse depositions

Seminar has a lot of practical examples. Musante is extremely well organized and has a fluid delivery.

Matt Strubbe, 8-yr atty, 15 adverse depositions

Excellent seminar...much of the content and approaches have evolved in my practice, but the formal application of them is very useful and reinforces any good habits I have stumbled into. Seminar kept my interest and attention better than most CLEs.

Dan Dreiser, 22-yr atty, 200+ adverse depositions

Very good. Very practical. My thinking about depositions is changed as a result. [Musante] was excellent. Good use of videotapes and powerpoint presentation. Focus on deposition as trial was new to me and very helpful.

Debra J. Stanek, 12-yr atty, 24 depositions

Very refreshing approach to witness testimony dilemmas. Practical content good. Musante good.

Lorence Slutzky, 30-yr atty, 200 depositions

The best. I hope I'm good enough to put it in practice; very practical. Shows how persistence pays off; shows how need to have a plan, not just "get the facts". I would have stayed for hours more.

21-yr atty, 50+ depositions

Great--one of the most valuable [seminars]. Very practical and excellent use of video clips. Gives a good guide and puts perspective on depo taking consistent with what I've done; reconfirms what I've been doing is correct and adds some new effective angles.

9-yr atty, 45-50 adverse depositions

Better than 90% of the seminars I've been to and equal to the best. Excellent. Although I have used many of the techniques, the presentation adds theory and a new perspective to my practice.

Marilyn F. Longwell, 25-yr atty, 300+ adverse depositions

Excellent. A highly practical seminar filled with wit, humor, insight and interesting ideas and experiences.

Richard Stamm, 4-yr atty, 14 adverse depos

This was the best trial practice seminar I have taken. Very useful. The logic of the suggested approaches is airtight. Mr. Musante kept the attendees' attention, has the material mastered, and minimizes the cliched war stories. The seminar was superb, and Mr. Musante's passion for the material is refreshing.

Raymond E. Stachnik, 25-yr atty, 250 adverse depos

Probably one of the most informative and practical seminars I've ever been to. [Musante] very effective teacher.

Jillian Cerone Marisie, 6-yr atty, 10 adverse depos

Good because it provides practical, useful information. The seminar was interesting and the [video] clips were especially helpful to understand the concepts. These [deposition] rules will make my depositions much more thorough.

Kathryn Michaels, 2-yr atty, 10 adverse depos

Excellent presentation. Enjoyed it greatly.

Chris Horvay , 20-yr atty, 30-40 adverse depos

Being inexperienced, I now have a chance to never take or settle for a mediocre adverse depo. Very practical. Musante is fabulous! Kept my attention, easy to follow, entertaining.

Heather Perry, 2-yr atty, Connelly Sheehan Moran

Exceptional. Incredibly useful.

Alison Stein, 12-yr atty, 5-7 adverse depos, Connelly Sheehan Moran

Excellent. Topnotch Will have a significant impact on my adverse depos -- I HOPE it will change the way I view depositions altogether.

John A. Berg, 4-yr atty, 10 adverse depos, Connelly Sheehan Moran

Excellent insights on the strategy/logical decisions that must be made in advance of trial ... at the deposition. Other seminars, after these two days, seem like "crap." I've seen the light, and will never take a deposition the way I've "seen" them taken by others.

Terence Smith, 3-yr atty, Connelly Sheehan Moran

Musante is excellent. Covers most rules I already knew, but also added new rules that are significant.

Jackie Iannicelli, 7-yr atty, 15 adverse depositions, Connelly Sheehan Moran

Very useful and well worth the time. Musante is excellent to brilliant.

Jeanne Toft, 12-yr atty, "hundreds" of adverse depositions, Connelly Sheehan Moran

Excellent. Most Connelly Sheehan Moran partners have become disciples of Musante's teaching. Will sharpen my focus, as well as my case theory and deposition prep.

Brian Spang, 3-yr atty, 2 adverse depositions, Connelly Sheehan Moran

Excellent practical content; Musante is superb.

Tanya L. Jachimciak, 3-yr atty, Connelly Sheehan Moran

Stimulating and enlightening. Musante is excellent. He is energetic, enjoyable and extremely informative. This seminar has encouraged me to take "risks" in deposition to gain testimony favorable to my "story." Extremely helpful.

4-yr atty, Connelly Sheehan Moran

Radically different. High value.

P. Melfi, 7-yr atty, 7 adverse depositions, Connelly Sheehan Moran

Musante teaches what will give you the edge over others ... very useful! No comparison to other seminars.

Patty Conti, 7-yr atty, 12 adverse depositions, Connelly Sheehan Moran

Very practical content. Musante is an extremely effective instructor. Should significantly improve the quality of my adverse depositions.

Brett Rawitz, 15-yr atty, 30-40 adverse depositions, Connelly Sheehan Moran

By far the best trainer I have ever witnessed. I thought I was good until I heard Musante.

5-yr atty, 6 adverse depositions, Connelly Sheehan Moran

Musante is excellent. Gives a new perspective on approaching deposition preparation.

Anonymous

Thought-provoking and insightful on the practical issues faced by civil litigators. Musante's presentation is clearly and interestingly presented.

Joel M. Goldstein, 28-yr atty, 100s of adverse depositions, Cook Co. State's Attorney's Office

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. Made me appreciate the importance of the adverse deposition as trial. Destroyed several myths passed on from experienced litigators.
Thomas Gamache, 1-yr atty

Quite good. I'm not a fan of powerpoint. However, this seminar actually showed it be can used well. During the seminar I was playing in my head my last depo, and how I royally screwed it up, which I already knew. Now I can more effectively discuss how I did it.
Stephanie Tipton, 5-yr atty, 10-15 adverse depositions

Good instructor; good energy; too quick at times. Will make me think more.
Casey Brown, 3-yr atty, 20-30 adverse depositions

Good practical content; good instructor. I will improve meaningfully.
Jeff Glass, 11-yr atty, 75 adverse depositions, Field & Golan

Practical, use-oriented. This topic never gets taught

.
Anonymous

Very good, probably the best. Excellent instructor. Wish he had more time.
Anonymous, 27-yr atty, 150+ adverse depositions

Very practical. Helps to answer the "I don't know" response of adverse witness. Very articulate. I will have more confidence in dealing with difficult evasive witnesses.
Azam Nizamuddin, 6-yr atty, 30-40 adverse depositions

Extremely practical. Excellent instructor. Real life examples and references make application of techniques more relevant and useful.
Scott Richmond, 8-yr atty, 100 adverse depositions

The logic behind Musante's teachings seems irrefutable. Very effective; good blend of examples and integration of clips, etc. More energetic and entertaining than other one-day deposition seminars.
Eric Bolander, 2-yr atty

Very informative; great instructor.

Dean Lurie, 1-yr atty, 3 adverse depos

Found it invaluable. Clear, concise, easy to follow. One of the best seminars I have attended.
Stephen G. DeNigris, 13-yr atty, 48-60 adverse depos

Excellent, practical matters easy to understand. Musante is excellent; powerpoints and humor maintained attention. Very knowledgeable and credible.
Dan Wolf, 13-yr atty, 100s of adverse depos

Excellent; superb instructor. Better than any.
Gregory Shuger, 6-yr atty, 7 adverse depos

Very interesting and helpful. Excellent instructor. One of the best I've been to.
Niscal Raval, 4-yr atty, 10 adverse depos

Content extremely useful. Excellent instructor. Will use these techniques in my next deposition.
Anonymous, 6-yr atty, 10+ adverse depos

This instructor went into more detail on how to craft good questions and detect evasive answers than the other cross-examination seminar I've been to. I expect this it will greatly improve my depositions.
Anonymous

Extremely beneficial and useful material. Musante is eloquent, funny, sharp, engaging.
Brent Newcomb, 1-yr atty

At the top of the range. Excellent practical content; excellent instructor.
Anonymous, 9-yr atty, 150 adverse depos

Good; easy to follow. Comparable to somewhat better than other seminar. I will be better able to narrow questions.
Bob Wilson, 12-yr atty, 200+ adverse depos

I thought that the presenter was a great presenter. The topic was relevant and I liked the use of video. I learned a few great tips.
C. Sarah Lappin, 2-yr atty, 2 adverse depos, DiMonte & Lizak

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. It is helpful because it is a new way of thinking of adverse depositions.

Karl Anderson, 1-yr atty

Learned an awful lot; content is excellent. I have a far better idea of how to shape future depositions.

Vernon Schleyer, 1-yr atty

Very good, non-boring. Much better [than others] as Musante is energetic and interesting. Gave me a lot to think about and new tools.

Theresa Wybrow-Albano, 6-yr atty. "lots" of adverse depositions

Great program, great information and easy to apply. Wonderful speaker, gets a great deal of information in a short amount of time. One of the better seminars I have attended. Will definitely help with the "I don't know" answers and how to create a more valuable question.

Anonymous, 3-yr atty, 1 adverse depo

Very good and useful rules and destruction of depo myths. Musante is engaging and good. Will improve my adverse depositions significantly.

Steven A. Marderosian, Field & Golan

Informative. Excellent instructor. Will help me to be a better critical listener.

Anonymous, 4-yr atty, 30 adverse depositions

Terrific practical content. Fantastic instructor. Will improve my adverse depositions considerably, both as to technique and content.

Anonymous, 34-yr atty, 1000+ adverse depositions

Very good practical content; excellent instructor. Superior compared to others.

Michael R. Berz, 37-yr atty, 300 adverse depositions

Both entertaining and enlightening. Absorbing speaker. Super program.

Anonymous

The best. Outstanding practical content; first-rate instructor.

Anonymous, 24-yr atty, 250+ adverse depositions

Very practical and applicable to practice. Will significantly improve.
Maria Mazza, 3-yr atty, 5 adverse depositions

Above average seminar. Seemed more theory-based, but it did give great examples to work on. Musante is dynamic, intelligent and entertaining. Will give me direction on the skills and techniques I must work on to give an effective adverse deposition.
Anonymous, 2-yr atty, 4 adverse depositions

Keeps the lecture flowing and has good use of video and powerpoints to keep the class's attention all day long. Has given me many guidelines to think about and incorporate into my practice.
Anonymous, 2-yr atty

"The 25 Credibility Arguments for Deposition and Trial"
Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. Very helpful video clips to illustrate the points.
Tyra Lewis, 7-yr atty, 70 adverse depositions

Speaker was great and inspiring, but hard to put immediately into practice. Outstanding speaker. Anxious to put techniques to work.
Anonymous, 14-yr atty, 30 adverse depositions

Extremely good seminar...most topics I had experienced and have gained much better understanding. Great videos.
Peter Savitski, 29-yr atty, 100 adverse depositions

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. Not since Irving Younger's "Evidence" series have I seen a more interesting teacher. The seminar did more to confirm and refresh than to change my approach, but I think that is important.
Paul Scoma, 24-yr atty, 100s of adverse depositions

Terrific seminar...terrific speaker.
Sue-Ann Rosen, 20-yr atty

Very good seminar...very good speaker. Musante kept the pace and presentation moving...dynamic. The seminar will significantly put rationale and focus on questioning strategy.
Anonymous, 28-yr atty, 100s of adverse depositions

Excellent seminar--all attorneys, after two years of depo taking, would benefit immensely to take the course. Excellent speaker. Very informative video clips while also very entertaining.
Gay Judge, 30-yr atty, 100s of adverse depositions

Very practical seminar and very easy to follow and execute. Musante is excellent...a dynamic speaker. The seminar will improve my cross-exam questions, at depo and trial, 100 percent.
Anonymous, 9-yr atty, 0 adverse depositions

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. Magnificent.
Dan Dever, 32-yr atty, 1,000 adverse depositions

Great tools...had used many of these techniques before but now organized...easier to use.
Fantastic speaker!
Gregory Ladle, 5-yr atty, 50 adverse depositions

Good valuable practical content. First rate speaker.
Dan Dreiser, 22-yr atty, 500+ adverse depositions

Comments from [Springfield](#) area attorneys who attended "Great! Adverse Depositions: Principles and Principal Techniques" and/or "The 25 Credibility Arguments for Deposition and Trial"

"Great! Adverse Depositions: Principles and Principal Techniques"

Great practical content...techniques taught and logic behind them is as sound as it gets...wish they would teach this seminar and topic in every law school and to every aspiring trial attorney.
Excellent speaker...engaging, informed, practical. Best seminar I have attended in five years.
Christopher Weiss, 8-yr atty, 25+ adverse depositions

Excellent seminar...this is what they should have taught in law school. This is Musante's calling in life. The seminar is beyond comparison.
Lisha Masters, 13-yr atty, 75+ adverse depositions

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. Kept us very engaged throughout the presentation. Perfect balance between moving quickly but allowing us time to process the information. Best seminar I've been to.
Daniel Bagley, 1-yr atty, 10 adverse depositions

Excellent. Taught me all of the things I really need to know (but was never told) about taking an adverse deposition. Mr. Musante is a fantastic communicator and conveys his points very clearly and articulately.

Christopher M. Ellis, 3-yr atty, 1 adverse depo

Very high value to practical content; Musante is excellent.

Anonymous, 5-yr atty, 20 adverse depositions

Excellent content; good use of contemporary examples to highlight subject matter. Musante is superb: clear, concise and informative. This seminar has provided me with a fundamental set of adverse deposition principles.

Anonymous, 4-yr atty

Very practical.

Anonymous, 23-yr atty, 100+ adverse depositions

Very practical. The lessons can also be applied to cross examination in general. Musante is excellent.

Anonymous

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor.

Anonymous, 4-yr atty, 100-200 adverse depositions

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. Will be of great help [in improving the quality of my adverse depositions].

David C. Dillon, 20-yr atty, 10 adverse depositions

Excellent practical content; Musante is very effective. Definitely better than other one-day deposition seminars.

Penni Livingston, 17-yr atty, 15 adverse depositions

Very helpful. Musante is very informative for having to go so quickly.

Christina Manuel, 1-yr atty

It really helps and makes logical sense. Musante is very good and I love the clips.

Anonymous

This is the first seminar for which I have stayed the entire length in a long time. Will improve my depositions in many ways, more than there is room on this form to express. Very good practical content; very good instructor.

Todd Lichtenberger, 5-yr atty, 100 adverse depositions

Invaluable to civil practice. Musante is a good speaker with powerful audio-visuals.

Anonymous, 15-yr atty

Excellent practical content. Excellent instructor. Excellent compared to other one-day deposition seminars.

Anonymous, 30-yr atty, 200 adverse depositions

Good practical content; very good instructor. It will change the approach I will employ.

Dex Gruber, 4-yr atty, Kavanagh, Scully, Sudow, White & Frederick

Good practical content; very good instructor. Will improve my adverse depositions substantially.

Rhonda Jenkins, 8-yr atty, 100 adverse depositions

Very good practical content; very good instructor. Excellent compared to other one-day seminars. I will rethink old guidelines and rules previously applied.

Anonymous, 20-yr atty, Burroughs, Hepler, Broom, MacDonald, Hebrank & True

Very good practical content; very good instructor. Excellent compared to other one-day seminars. Will improve my adverse depositions quite a bit.

Anonymous, 28-yr atty

Comments from [Chicago](#) area attorneys who attended "Attacking the Expert's Opinion" and/or "Attacking the Expert's Pedestal"

"A+" seminar; "A+" speaker. A far superior seminar compared to others. I feel reborn!

Michael Durkin

"Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. This seminar is much better than others as it offers a "universal" approach. I expect my adverse expert depositions will significantly improve.

Gary Matejcek, 20 expert depositions

"Excellent seminar, particularly examples of questions to ask. Musante was great...lively, credible and interesting. As a former expert forensic toxicologist who's testified many times, I

thought Musante nailed the true meaning behind our conclusions--"consistent with", "indicative", etc. OJ is a great example of this topic.

Shelley Kalita

"An extremely practical seminar. A superb speaker. Best.

Eric Palles, 200 expert depositions

"Excellent seminar...either to know how to take an expert deposition, or how to protect your experts when preparing them to give a deposition. This seminar was excellent and analytical by comparison to books and articles I've read.

Frank Spreng

"An insightful, reasoned, and applicable seminar. Excellent use of visual aids, repetition, and enthusiasm.

Michael DiSanto

"Excellent speaker...a Robin Williams approach of connecting the dots. This seminar requires the attorney to think, rather than follow an outline.

Elias Ghantous

"The seminar content wisely uses a familiar background of the OJ Simpson trial to make points about how to pin down the experts arguments and point out the weaknesses. Musante clearly gets points across regarding the logical progression of identifying the arguments and breaking down the expert's opinions. Use of audio-visual materials in support is well done. My adverse expert depositions should improve 100%.

Thomas Arado, 1 expert deposition

"Very good information...especially enjoyed utilization of O Simpson material. Excellent speaker. This seminar provides more of a broad approach that can be utilized in any type of case. This seminar will help me see the forest for the trees in attacking expert testimony.

Scott Verhey, 15 expert depositions

"Very practical seminar...would like the speaker to run through the complete questioning he would ask to perfect the impeachments. An "A+" speaker.

Michael Randolph, 10 expert depositions

"A very useful seminar...well organized; material was well thought out; and not superficial. Musante is very articulate, and keeps the audience's interest. This seminar gives me a tool to analyze and organize my attack on the basis of the opinions offered.

Jim Newman, 500 expert depos

"Very good, to-the-point and logical. Musante is dynamic and entertaining. O=R+2F is a logical approach to a field of science. Gives a better framework from which any expert can be deposed.

Theresa Nybrow-Alband, 15-20 expert depos, Chicago

"Solid practical content ... reintroduces critical questions and critical thinking. Musante is a thorough teacher. Will greatly improve the quality of my adverse expert depos.

Mark E. Leipold, 25 expert depos, Gould & Ratner, Chicago

"Excellent, succinct. Musante is very articulate and dynamic. More lively and grounded than most [seminars] because of speaker's experience.

John Kenney, 10 expert depos, Chicago

"This seminar was extraordinarily useful from a planning and implementations standpoint. Mr. Musante also presented his material in an organized and entertaining manner. Will extremely improve the rigor of my adverse expert depositions.

Vincent Paul Schmeltz, III, 4 expert depos, Chicago

"5 ... on a scale of 1-5. O=R+2F is the beauty of the seminar ... simple and effective!

Rick Darke, Duane Morris LLP, Chicago

"Musante's adverse expert opinion attack construct, O=R+2F, is the best idea resulting from a Jesuit education since Teilhard. Musante, like Teilhard, is a genius whose thoughts will haunt the rest of my life.

Kevin Connelly, Connelly Sheehan Moran

"Not only provides a how, but why the how is right way to take an adverse expert's depo. I can approach my next adverse expert deposition with greater confidence. I now have the tools to take the biased [expert] down off of his pedestal. There's none better than Musante.

James Oh, 10 expert depos, Connelly Sheehan Moran

"The best. The bar for a Musante deposition is far higher than what clients or our profession generally expect. Only one's own personal work ethic -a desire for excellence- will compel an attorney to rigorously apply these rules in every deposition.

Mike Sheehan, 50 expert depos, Connelly Sheehan Moran

"Being inexperienced, I'm so glad I've taken this seminar early in my career; I'll never settle for mediocrity in my depositions!! Musante is fabulous! Kept our attention because we kept asking, "What is he going to say next?" while teaching valuable information. I wish I learned this for the first time in law school, but I know now that my depositions will be better than anything I would have done without this seminar.

Heather Perry, Connelly Sheehan Moran

"Excellent practical content; Musante is incredible; seminar far superior to others.

Jeanne Toft, 30+ expert depositions, Connelly Sheehan Moran

"Very useful. Can't wait to try the concepts out. Musante is most impressive; his use of examples is outstanding. The content of this seminar will shape my first expert deposition and will likely be used in every expert deposition thereafter. I'm sold!

John Berg, Connelly Sheehan Moran

"Musante is great, very engaging with lots of energy. Kept my attention for the entire day. Seminar gave me a great first start on concepts/ideas; I have a leg up on some other future lawyers!

Steven Petric, Connelly Sheehan Moran

"Superb!

Tanya L. Jachiniak, Connelly Sheehan Moran

"Exceptional. Livelier and more concrete than other seminars; hands-on approach. Will greatly improve my adverse expert depositions.

Allison Stein, 23 expert depositions, Connelly Sheehan Moran

"Outstanding practical content; outstanding instructor. Will improve my expert depositions by a wide margin.

Rob Liddle, Connelly Sheehan Moran

"Musante is one of the two best teachers I've ever had the good opportunity to be exposed to. This seminar has alleviated most of my fear about "taking on" the other side's expert.

Terence Smith, Connelly Sheehan Moran

"Excellent; very engaging and attention-keeping. Am just learning, but my skills will develop around these suggestions and ideas.

Tracy Liptack, Connelly Sheehan Moran

"Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. The "Expert Chart" is a great practical explanation.

Connelly Sheehan Moran attorney

"Musante has made a complicated subject understandable.

Connelly Sheehan Moran attorney

"Musante is engaging; loved the pace. The "Expert Chart" hit home ... made me believe that this is the only way to do it!

Connelly Sheehan Moran attorney

"Far and away better than other seminars. Will significantly improve my adverse expert depositions.

Connelly Sheehan Moran attorney

"Excellent practical content. Musante is excellent, methodical and clear. A generic technique applicable to all sorts of cases.

Anonymous, Chicago

"I believe the practical content will prove helpful when put into actual use. Will very likely improve my expert depositions ... I now have strategies to attack the next expert.

Anonymous, Chicago

"The content is informative and more interesting than most I have attended. Musante is energetic and communicates well.

Anonymous, 10-15 expert depositions, Chicago

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Comments from [Indianapolis](#) area attorneys who attended "Great! Adverse Depositions: Principles and Principal Techniques" and/or "The 25 Credibility Arguments for Deposition and Trial"

"Great! Adverse Depositions: Principles and Principal Techniques"

One of the most practical seminars I've ever attended. Excellent speaker. ITLA needs to have this seminar repeated as well as having the other seminars. Excellent video clips.

Roger Pardiolk, 44-yr attorney, 750-1,000 adverse depositions

An excellent and provocative seminar. A skillful speaker. Seminar much more meaningful than others.

Daniel Mills, 29-yr atty, 200+ adverse depositions

The seminar has renewed my enthusiasm to take even relatively "routine" depositions. I used several of Musante's techniques, but learned several interesting new ones, including looping and use of all inclusive words to lock in. Musante is an excellent teacher. Would be an excellent inhouse teacher for even the newest of lawyers, and experienced lawyers could learn just as much.

Gregory L. Laker, 20+-yr atty, 100s of adverse depositions

Thought-provoking seminar...I will use the techniques to make my deposition prep more focused and advance case theory. Musante is entertaining and informative. Logic is great.

Beth Henlal, 20+-yr atty

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. This seminar is superior. Has content examples and application to the practice of law. Materials are appropriate, helpful and a great learning aid for deposition preparation. Come back and speak to further deposition seminars.

Ricahard Thorert, 30-yr atty, 50+ adverse depositions

Seminar seems very practical, especially for settlement in products cases. Musante teaches fast, but effective. I'm sure I could sit through it twice and learn more.

Georgianne Mitchell, 4-yr atty, 1 adverse deposition

Very good practical information. A top-notch speaker. Best seminar I've attended.

James Lowry, 40-yr atty, 140 adverse depositions

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. Musante's enthusiasm makes presentation enjoyable.

Rob King

Excellent seminar...I intend to use what I have learned. A 5-star speaker.

Dennis Wegner, 33-yr atty, 500 adverse depositions

Very good seminar. A unique and seemingly effective take on depositions. A very engaging speaker...unique style and extremely entertaining.

Christopher T. Lane, 8-yr atty

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. I would like to see Musante's other seminars.

Robert John, 35-yr atty, 250 adverse depositions

Helpful seminar...answered fundamental question of cross or not to cross at deposition. Good speaker.

John Daly, 20-yr atty, 100+ adverse depos

Seminar presented a very good mix of theory and practical content. Musante's passion is refreshing, and very much reflected in the seminar content. He's very engaging, and a very effective communicator. The unique perspective made this seminar particularly useful.

William Brown, 11-yr atty, 60 adverse depos

Very good seminar. It helped to crystallize and put into an orderly fashion many of the concepts I have used or had floating around in my mind when I took depositions. Musante is very good.

Kevin Hinkle, 26-yr atty, 500 adverse depos

Excellent information...excellent speaker. Keeps my attention which wanders at most seminars. Seminar far superior to others.

Mary Findling, 20-yr atty, 800 adverse depos

An extremely helpful seminar. Musante is quite dynamic and fun. This seminar is by far among the best.

Barry Rooth, 25-yr atty, 25 adverse depos

Techniques and examples were good at effectively narrowing case studies and preparing an adverse depo for trial. Very good speaker.

Wade Fulford, 10-yr atty

An outstanding seminar. Outstanding speaker. Not afraid to insist on correctness of own views. A far superior seminar.

William Hodes, 5-yr atty, 5 adverse depos

Propositions presented are intuitive. It is well-organized and presented in a logical fashion. Musante's passion for the topic alone makes the seminar both informative and entertaining.

Thomas E. Scifres, 13-yr atty, 250 adverse depos

My second time at the seminar...very useful.

Ryan Johnson, 4-yr atty, 50 adverse depos

Excellent seminar ...covers all of the pitfalls we encounter in depositions and gave us insight into how to get around the problems with extracting testimony and admissions from deponents. Musante is very good...sometimes complicated explanations need more examples to drive the point...good sense of humor. Best seminar I have been to.

Eric Haner, 12-yr atty, 200 adverse depositions

Excellent seminar...immediately useful and totally relevant. Superior speaker. Often, current practicing attorneys lack the teaching skills to make the information useful.

Anonymous, 10-yr atty, 400 adverse depositions

Very good seminar...it seems to be appropriate for newer lawyers as well as those in practice for many years. Good mix of practical tips and theory. Very good speaker...easy to listen to, energetic, engaging.

Jennifer Ulrich-Keppler. 5-yr atty, 15 adverse depositions

Provocative seminar; challenges complacency and taking depositions by rote. Musante's presentation style is engaging, informative and entertaining...he makes you want to listen! Seminar has no comparison to others...apples to oranges. The seminar illustrated the importance of remaining doggedly determined during the deposition to obtain the most favorable testimony.

C. Thomas Hectus, 25-yr atty, 500+ adverse depositions

Very useful seminar... I feel fortunate to learn it now rather than later. It is a surprisingly good fit with the ATLA Deposition College and Eric Oliver's seminar on non-verbal communication, which I have recently attended.

Sharon Desmond, 7-yr atty, 1 adverse deposition

Outstanding teacher...teaching method is very effective. I agree on the importance of depositions in litigation, and thus the importance of the content of the seminar.

Steve Williams, 500-750 adverse depositions

Excellent speaker...appropriate humor and no impractical war stories. I wish I would have heard it before the depo I took on Tuesday! I saw immediate applications of today's topics to the questions I asked (or should not have). This seminar should be taught in law schools.

Kim Danforth, 10-yr atty, 100 adverse depositions

A wise investment for a practitioner of two months or 20 years. Broad application of lessons from seminar beyond legal practice make it a good value for the intimidatable and invincible

alike. Musante's presentation was fresh and interesting. Creative use of examples from both legal arena and political world...extending broad application of lessons in all thought processes. Musante's passion for his subject is contagious. I'm looking forward to my next adverse depo!
Daniel Ladendorf, 19-yr atty, 30 adverse depositions

Excellent seminar...I think it reminds us, like in most aspects of life, that to fully be successful we have to remember the fundamentals.
Robert Roberts, 8-yr atty, 50+ adverse depositions

Top notch seminar...excellent speaker. Info you can use...gets you fired up.
Terry Noffsinger, 37-yr atty, 400+ adverse depositions

Very good seminar...very good speaker. Seminar much better than others--more focused on practical tactics rather than steps to take a deposition.
Gregg Gordon, 10-yr atty, 20 adverse depositions

"The 25 Credibility Arguments for Deposition and Trial"
Excellent seminar. Musante obviously loves the subject and is well versed in the techniques of cross examination...teaching ability is excellent.
Daniel Layden, 6-yr atty, 10 adverse depositions

Good, practical concepts that need to be worked into deposition plans...will take time and patience. Musante is excellent...enthusiastic, believes!
Samuel Jacobs, 30-yr atty, 1,500 adverse depositions

Excellent seminar...very good speaker. One way to determine how well I liked the seminar is to see if my mind wandered to my present cases, and make notes of things to do on them. In this seminar, it did not.
Terry Noffsinger, 37-yr atty, 400+ adverse depositions

Excellent seminar...top notch speaker. Very entertaining videos. Come back to ITLA next year and do seminars on Experts.
Tom Hamer, 28-yr atty

Comments from [Indianapolis](#) area attorneys who attended "Attacking the Expert's Opinion" and/or "Attacking the Expert's Pedestal"
"Attacking the Expert's Opinion"
Excellent application of logic and language to cut through the fog of expert opinion to get at its essential components. I am going to incorporate this approach into my trial notebooks for

every case and every significant opinion expressed in those cases. Musante is excellent...he keeps it moving.

Theodore Stacy, 40 expert depos

Excellent seminar. Best speaker I've seen. He is not afraid to say he is right...I love his confidence...it inspires me...he is right--he's brilliant!

Mary A. Findling, 400 expert depos

This is one of the most practical seminars I have ever attended. Musante is excellent. His passion for the topic ensures interesting delivery and heightened audience attention. I will have a much clearer analytical framework in approaching the AE deposition.

Thomas E. Scifres, 5-10 expert depos

Outstanding seminar...outstanding speaker.

Bill Hodes

Great seminar, but complicated. Excellent speaker.

Barry Rooth, 100 expert depos

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. My future depos will be more precise and focused.

Daniel Mills, 30 expert depos

Very good practical content...top-notch speaker. Best seminar to date.

James Lowry

Excellent seminar...good speaker. Best.

Dennis Wagner

KANSAS

Comments from [Kansas City/Overland Park](#) area attorneys who attended "Great! Adverse Depositions: Principles and Principal Techniques" and/or "The 25 Credibility Arguments for Deposition and Trial"

"Great! Adverse Depositions: Principles and Principal Techniques"

Better than any other full day seminar I have attended. Excellent content. Musante is very engaging, very well paced. Overall great teaching ability. Will improve the quality of my depositions.

Jason Sheiderer, 3-yr atty, 10 adverse depos, Blackwell, Sanders

Best I have attended because it's based on logic. Will greatly improve the quality of my adverse depositions.

Bruce Anderson, 2-yr atty, 6 adverse depositions, Crews, Waits, Brownlee

Topnotch. Very good, thought-provoking practical content. Excellent instructor.

William E. Raney, 10-yr atty, 2-yr atty, Copilevitz & Canter, Kansas City

Very practical, excellent teacher. Clear, well-illustrated, lively.

Judith D. Esrig, Dwyer, Dykes & Thurston, LC, Overland Park

Much better than other full-day seminars; more focused and better delivered. The practical content is extraordinary. Musante is every bit as good as any of my Jesuit professors years ago.

Thad E. Nugent, 43-yr atty, 150 adverse depositions, Overland Park

Very useful and worth the time. Musante is very good, clear and concise. Much more interesting and useful than others. Will improve the quality of my depositions dramatically.

Matt Heffner, Fairchild & Buck, PA, Topeka

In my years of practice, this is the best. Far and above other seminars, superior.

Silas W. Longan, 40-yr atty, Warden, Riplett, Grier, Overland Park

The best I have ever attended. All the others just war stories ... this seminar really contained something to learn from.

Matthew A. Herlvordson, 20+-yr atty, 100+ adverse depositions

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. Much different in approach than others: thought-provoking and interesting.

Tim R. Karstetter, 29-yr atty, 150 adverse depositions, Karstetter & Klenda, LLC, McPherson

One of the best. Content is very practical. Musante did an excellent job. He gave many examples and kept the presentation interesting as well as informative.

Ralph Pratt, 45-yr atty, "many" adverse depositions

This seminar provides applicable insights. Musante communicates very well; clearly indicates information he wasn't to be learned. The pace keeps you attentive. The approach is innovative, thus better than most.

Mike Baker, 30-yr atty, 80+ adverse depositions, Shook, Hardy & Bacon, LLP, Kansas City

Excellent practical content; first-rate instructor. Definitely some ideas to use.

Anonymous, 49-yr atty, hundreds of adverse depositions

A great deal of practical content. Excellent teacher.

Kyle Roehler, 5-yr atty, 50-60 adverse depositions, Walters, Bender, Strohhahn

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor.

Tom Coleman

Very entertaining, very interesting, very informative.

L. Michael Schwartz, 28-yr atty, 30 adverse depositions

Musante is excellent. Incorporates humor, real-life scenarios and useful information into a very effective class.

Neely Fedde, 1 1/2-yr atty, 6 adverse depositions, Blackwell, Sanders,

Content is important and this seminar gives excellent practical tips. Musante is excellent. I think it will have a significant affect on the quality of my adverse depositions.

Jason R. Whitener, 1-yr atty, 1 adverse deposition, Gehrt & Roberts, Topeka

Dynamic ... great use of visual aids.

Teresa R. Laidacker, 2-yr atty, 5 adverse depositions, Shughart Thomson, et al, Topeka

Comments from [Wichita](#) area attorneys who attended "Great! Adverse Depositions: Principles and Principal Techniques" and/or "The 25 Credibility Arguments for Deposition and Trial"

"Great! Adverse Depositions: Principles and Principal Techniques"

Head and shoulders above other full-day litigation seminars. Great practical content; great instructor.

Mark Rondeau, Watkins, Calcara, et al., Great Bend, KS

Good practical examples with very simple points to use in every deposition regardless of issues in the case. More interesting than other full-day seminars.

Geron Bird, 2-yr atty, Stinson, Morrison, Hecker, LLP, Wichita

Very practical seminar content. Musante is entertaining and informative, a great teacher. Will improve the quality of my adverse depositions and my ability as a lawyer generally and as a witness.

Craig Kreiser, 24-yr atty, 10 adverse depositions, Wichita, KS

Best I have attended. Very interesting theories. Musante is animated, very good.

Bob Martin, Norton Wasserman, et al., Salinas, KS

Best presentation and speaker. Excellent practical content.

Grady Young, 6-yr atty, 7 adverse depositions

Among the best. Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. Should be very helpful.

John Carmichael, 22-yr atty, 1500 adverse depositions, Wilson, Lee, Gurney, Carmichael & Hess, Wichita

Very practical! Tremendous instructor. I've attended very few litigation seminars so far, but can't imagine many more helpful.

Ryan Peck, 1-yr atty, Morris Laing, et al, Wichita

Much more interesting with more usable skills than others. Musante is excellent! Quick pace mixed w/ humor kept me interested. This will help me substantially.

Shari Willis, 7-yr atty, 30-40 adverse depositions, Bradshaw, Johnson & Hund, Wichita

Very good practical content; excellent instructor. Will improve the quality of my adverse depositions appreciably.

Russ Hazlewood, 6-yr atty

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. MUCH better than other full-day litigation seminars. Will help with evasive witnesses.

Anonymous, 10-yr atty, 450 adverse depositions

Very practical! For me, this was the right stuff at the right time. Will improve my adverse depositions considerably.

Anonymous

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. Head and shoulders above others.

Anonymous, 27-yr atty

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. Far more focused than other like seminars. Should help me nail the deponent's answers.

Anonymous

Very entertaining and informative. Will improve my questioning techniques and listening skills.

Anonymous, 3-yr atty, 3 adverse depositions

Better than most. Excellent practical content; very good instructor.

Anonymous, 13-yr atty, 40 adverse depositions

Among the best, especially for a one-man show. Very good practical content, excellent instructor.

Anonymous, 19-yr atty