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

The best. Incredibly practical. This seminar, while advanced in its presentations, sets forth the foundations of effective deposition-taking. It brutally shines the light of effective deposition taking on a history of mediocre cross-examinations. Very capable instructor. Musante's passionate presentation kept everyone's attention throughout the seminar.  
Paul J. Cristallo, 10-yr atty, 100s of adverse depositions

Excellent content, clear, concise and condensed. Musante was excellent. Most interesting and substantive seminar I've attended in quite some time. Way above the norm. Will greatly improve my adverse depositions.  
Kelly Kilpatrick, 7-yr atty, 300+ adverse depositions

"Great! Adverse Depositions: Principles and Principal Techniques" and/or "The 25 Credibility Arguments for Deposition and Trial"

A very useful seminar...the logic behind the principles transcends all areas of the law/litigation. Fantastic speaker...impressive use of demonstrations and exhibits from cases known to mainstream America (ie, OJ, Microsoft). This seminar is more of an advanced depo seminar than normal. It presumes a minimum level of advocacy skills and helps hone those skills.  
Garrick White, 7-yr atty, 30 adverse depositions

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. This seminar is one of the best. It helps crystallize a number of points that I've tried to apply.  
James Savage, 24-yr atty, 130 adverse depositions

The seminar highlighted dozens of useful tips, some I have routinely used myself, but some of which I needed a reminder. Excellent speaker. The seminar is in the top 20%. I believe the seminar will definitely help me hone my skills which, I might modestly say, were decent to start with.  
Thomas Keener, 30-yr atty, 300+ adverse depositions

A very informative and practical seminar. Musante gets his message across in an efficient manner with good, real world application. This is a very high quality seminar that ranks with the best deposition presentations I've attended.  
Anonymous, 7-yr atty

As a litigation attorney, this seminar was PRACTICAL! Musante definitely keeps the attention of the audience and drives home his points. Will greatly improve my adverse depositions and make me more confident.

Darren A. McNair, 1-yr atty, 6 adverse depositions

Excellent seminar...logic is the lawyer's friend. Excellent speaker...obviously paid rapt attention to his Jesuit mentors. A "10" on a scale of "10", maybe an 11! I have been in agreement with Musante's basic syllogism for some time, but he brings so much to the topic. He destroys the myths and shows the path to awesome adverse depositions.

Dan Igoe, 39-yr atty, 500+ adverse depositions

Great practical content. Wish I would have taken this CLE 12 years ago. Musante is entertaining and animated.

Raina Cornell, 13-yr atty, 70 adverse depositions

Seminar content very practical...speaker's points well illustrated and supported. Very good deconstruction of depositions used as examples. Sometimes Musante speaks too fast. I wholeheartedly subscribe to Musante's logic and was taught this by my law firm mentor.

Lisa Haase, 10-yr atty, 200+ adverse depositions

Excellent seminar. Use of actual high profile depositions to relate the concepts to listeners is extremely useful to help understand how to incorporate into my own practice. Musante's enthusiasm and passion for his topics kept the program very interesting.

Brooke Elliott, 3-yr atty, 20-25 adverse depositions

A very informative and useful seminar. Great speaker! I previously took the Expert seminar and was very impressed. This seminar is much better than others and offers skills I plan to use.

Suzanne Beck, 3-yr atty, 40 adverse depositions

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. Seminar much better than others--more practical. Audio visual aids very valuable; speaker's teaching style is very animated.

Rich DeBlasis, 27-yr atty, 50 adverse depositions

Excellent seminar. I learned that there is a lot about depositions I didn't know...thought-provoking. Excellent speaker...great delivery and pacing. Kept me awake and interested. I admire his dedication to his craft. A top-notch seminar.

Todd Brenner, 17-yr atty, 100+ adverse depositions

An excellent, well presented seminar. Very informative speaker. One of the best seminars.

David Knisley, 15-yr atty, 3-5 adverse depos

Phenomenal seminar. Best speaker I have seen, other than Jim McElhaney, my professor at SMU. Best seminar I've attended.

John M. Alton, 30-yr atty, 1000 adverse depos

Mr. Musante is an exceptional instructor. Although I was admittedly skeptical regarding the seminar prior to its start, I was engaged in and enjoyed the entire session.

Benjamin Albrecht

Outstanding practical content. This seminar will provide immediate help to my practice. Musante is excellent. He makes a great presentation and packs a lot of material into one day. My future depositions will be more focused and precise, and my impeachment arguments will be used much more frequently at deposition.

Gregg Peppel, 4-yr atty, 20 adverse depos

Excellent: both provocative and well-reasoned. Clearly the best deposition seminar I've ever attended; possibly the best seminar of any kind. Will greatly improve my adverse depos; it's as if the veil has been lifted.

Anthony Turley, 5-yr atty, 150 adverse depos

Extremely practical. Tips I can use daily and pass on to my associates. Musante is obviously Jesuit-trained -- he teaches/preaches his version of the Gospel truth with a firm conviction.

Bill Mattes, 15-yr atty, hundreds of adverse depos

Very good practical content. Musante is very strong, interesting, energetic, charismatic. This seminar affirms some things I've previously employed, adds others. I appreciate Musante's "outside the box" approach.

Monica Pallco, 12-yr atty

Excellent practical content. Musante is very creative and dynamic.

Janis Foley, 15-yr atty, 25+ adverse depos

Engaging, entertaining speaker. I can't wait to try this out. I have my first adverse depo next month and I will cram these lessons from now til then.

Bryan L. Green

Better than most. Mr. Musante is refreshing in that he has a particular point of view and puts it across well. These rules will pay off for any lawyer willing to commit to more preparation time.  
B.H., 8-yr atty, 20 adverse depositions

More practical than the typical seminar. Musante is strong, especially with the amount of material he is attempting to cover in a short period of time. I look forward to using what I've learned while preparing for my next adverse depo. I believe it will help immensely.  
Greg Swope, 8-yr atty, 75-150 adverse depositions

Best yet. Very useful and entertaining.  
J. Mark Finnegan, 19-yr atty, 50 adverse depositions

Better than most. Solidifies some rules I have learned or intuitively knew were true. Gives me more confidence to go over the "bad" opinions of adverse witnesses and attack the factual and motivational basis for the opinions.  
Mark W. Napier, 22-yr atty, 100+ adverse depositions

Very good and helpful. Musante was very organized and explained things in a simple manner. Overhead and examples were helpful in understanding the material. Will significantly improve my adverse depositions.  
Vilene Colbert, 2-yr atty, 7-10 adverse depositions

Fabulous. Much better than others I've been to. Great stuff. As Mr. Musante said, much of this was never covered in law school, or anywhere else. Top-notch instructor, enthusiastic and knowledgeable.  
Anonymous, 10-yr atty, 75 adverse depositions

First rate. Entertaining and informative.  
Scott T. Stirling, 8-yr atty, 15-20 adverse depositions

Much more useful than other seminars. Tremendously useful and practical advice. Musante is excellent -- very entertaining while convincing me of the value of cross-examining during depositions.  
Anonymous, 11-yr atty, 60 adverse depositions

A necessary part of every litigator's arsenal. Great instructor. I have modified my depo behavior as a result of this seminar.  
Jeff Corcoran, 9-yr atty, 25 adverse depositions

Very good. Material is pertinent to real practice scenarios. I have held the "smoking gun" for trial and agree that it should have been disclosed during deposition.

Anonymous, 4-yr atty

Very good practical content; very good instructor. Above average compared to other full-day seminars; kept my attention.

Anonymous, 12-yr atty, 20 adverse depositions

The information in this seminar is practical and applicable to all cases, regardless of the nature of the dispute. Musante is enthusiastic, entertaining and an experienced presenter with excellent examples.

Beth A. Wilson, 6-yr atty, 20-30 adverse depositions

Phenomenal. Best advocacy seminar I have ever attended. Great content coming from a skilled teacher using phenomenal, fun examples from recent headlines. I will recommend to everyone I know.

John Lowe IV, 5-yr atty, 40 adverse depositions, Kegler, Brown, Hill & Ritter

Excellent seminar. Probably the best I have taken on a litigation topic. I would recommend all litigation associates in my firm take this seminar.

Mark Kobasuk, 14-yr atty

This is excellent, clear and cogent. Seems obvious, now that Musante has spelled it out, but no one else is teaching this. As good as any litigation seminar I've attended, and better on deposition than all the others.

David Morrison, 25-yr atty

Best I have attended. Excellent combination of theory and examples. Musante is outstanding, a natural teacher. Will enable me to fit my depositions squarely into my trial strategy, instead of treating them (only) as a discovery tool. Excellent use of well-known examples, both good and bad, of cross-examination techniques.

Robert A. Abrams, 9-yr atty, 20 adverse depositions

Far more interesting than others I've attended on this subject. Extremely practical ideas. Mr. Musante is great ... a combination of knowledge and entertainment that makes me glad to be here. I am certain this seminar will improve my deposition abilities.

Anonymous, 8-yr atty, 80 adverse depositions

Excellent! A new way to approach a critical phase of litigation. Musante is very good. Combines humor, visual displays and information in an informative way. More practical day-to-day stuff and less fluff. Musante's willingness to tell us what we still need to know was appreciated.  
Jeffrey Hazlett, 22-yr atty, 500-1000 adverse depositions

Extremely useful, thought provoking. Outstanding instructor. Musante delivers his material in a way that makes the content more memorable. Will improve the quality of my adverse depositions dramatically.  
John J. Mueller, 25-yr atty, 400+ adverse depositions

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor; excellent compared to other full-day seminars. Musante's set of rules is far more detailed, thorough and realistic.  
Kevin Griffith, 17-yr atty, 50 adverse depositions, Porter, Wright, Morris & Arthur

Practical content was good, providing more real-life examples of how the theory is applied. Musante is friendly, entertaining and funny. Keeps the class riveted.  
Ian Robinson, 23-yr atty, 500 adverse depositions

One of the best. Tremendously practical. Mr. Musante is a very engaging instructor. I hadn't really received any instruction before ... this seminar will improve the quality of my adverse depositions to a very great extent.  
Steve Estelle, 7-yr atty, 10 adverse depositions

Superior to other seminars. Very practical; excellent instructor.  
Jose M. Chawfrac, IV, 15-yr atty, 50+ adverse depositions

Very useful and practical. Mr. Musante's presentation makes it easy to pay attention. This is the first seminar that my newspaper stayed in the briefcase. Will hopefully allow me to make my depositions more useful at trial.  
David Delk, 10-yr atty, 200 adverse depositions

Useful and informative. Musante is easy to listen to and kept my attention. Radical "rules," but upon reflection, very logical. I will be more attentive and result-driven in my depositions.  
Todd Book, 4-yr atty, 20+ adverse depositions

Exceptional practical content. Outstanding compared to others. An entirely new approach that makes a lot of sense.  
David Graves, 5-yr atty, 10 adverse depositions

Very practical. Great instructor. These "rules" will allow for much better depositions.  
Eric R. Laubacher, 5-yr attorney, 4 adverse depositions

Concise, precise, motivational, inspirational, informative and entertaining. More provocative and insightful than others.  
Anonymous, 2-yr attorney, 1 adverse deposition

Very practical and effective. Requires the cross-examiner to evaluate and implement a whole new approach to taking depositions. Very sophisticated and comprehensive. Musante is very engaging. Excellent use of powerpoints and selected video materials to keep the audience interested and to drive home the instructor's points.  
Anonymous, 3-yr attorney, 20 adverse depositions

Entertaining with some good theory behind it. Musante is very good, captivates attention even after lunch. Definitely will improve my adverse depositions.  
Anonymous, 12-yr attorney, 15 adverse depositions

Very practical stuff; enjoyed the real-life cross-exams. Musante's "rules" are different, but very logical ... must have been my problem previously ... I wasn't using logic! Will greatly improve my adverse depositions; I will be more prepared and will more critically listen.  
Anonymous, 6-yr attorney, 10-15 adverse depositions

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. Definitely among the top 3 I've attended.  
Anonymous, 17-yr attorney, 150 adverse depositions

Very practical. Musante clearly has a great deal of teaching experience. I plan to put this information into practice and anticipate that I will be able to more effectively use impeachment evidence.  
Anonymous, 9-yr attorney, 25 adverse depositions

Extremely practical substance of seminar not taught elsewhere, not available in usual texts dealing with depositions. Musante is excellent, consistently interesting. My adverse depositions will improve; general rules applicable to all adverse depositions. Will also help me defend my own depositions better.  
Anonymous

Superior compared to other full-day seminars. Very helpful practical content; Musante is good and enthusiastic.

Anonymous, 7-yr atty, 12 adverse depositions

This seminar offers helpful, useful advanced tactics. Very helpful and specific practical content. Mr. Musante is very knowledgeable about his area of expertise. Will improve my adverse depositions very much because I have hard, fast, practical rules that make sense in the real world.

Anonymous, 5-yr atty, 30 adverse depositions

"The 25 Credibility Arguments for Deposition and Trial"

Top-shelf seminar...extremely valuable insights and techniques, concepts I will use regularly in my practice. A top-shelf speaker. Musante's passion and emotion are engaging and energizing. This seminar will improve nearly everything that I do at work...will build better cases, get better resolutions.

Jack Leizerman, 12-yr atty, 150 adverse depositions

Seminar content very practical. Very useful even for an experienced litigator. Musante is a very effective teacher...engaging and entertaining. I came for two CLE hours and stayed because I was engaged. Video clips worked wonderfully! So many presenters underuse the technology.

Michael Fusen, 26-yr atty, 500 adverse depositions

An absolutely top rate seminar. Brilliant speaker. If this seminar improves just one thing, it will be tremendous.

Anonymous, 25-yr atty, 200 adverse depositions

A very practical and useful seminar, regardless of one's area of practice. Musante is fantastic...really enjoyed his use of Powerpoints and recent-memory cases. I will cross-examine at deposition with more of a purpose and focus on overall theory of the case. This seminar was a perfect follow-up to Logic & Whack.

Garrick White, 7-yr atty, 30 adverse depositions

Good seminar--it couples nicely with Logic & Whack. Excellent speaker. I have never had anyone illustrate how to attack the credibility...I will dramatically change and improve my approach.

Rebecca Shrader, 2-yr atty, 50 adverse depositions

This seminar is well suited to improving one's deposition-taking skills. Musante is a good teacher ... obviously knows and loves his subject; wants to impart the same to his class.

Prentice Snow, 2-yr atty, 25 adverse depositions

Best seminar I've ever attended. Very practical and certainly circumscribes what a true deposition should contain. Musante did a great job keeping me awake, alert and understanding. Comes right to the meat of the problem most lawyers flee from in taking a depo. I'd buy Musante's treatise just for the pure joy of reading it.  
Bernard F. Dick, State Farm Insurance

Excellent seminar; excellent practical content. One of the most practical seminars I have attended ... better than most, if not all, others. Musante is passionate about the subject matter, effectively communicated the concepts in the limited time to cover the topic.  
Anonymous, 19-yr atty, 200 adverse depositions

Excellent because practical and relevant. Musante is excellent, dynamic and straightforward. Excellent, excellent command of the English language! Has this seminar proved/convinced me that the stupid orthodoxy costs settlement dollars? The answer is "Yes."  
J. Michael Goldberg, 13-yr atty, 30-40 adverse depositions

An excellent seminar--I wish our young lawyers could have attended, but some of the concepts were quite sophisticated...difficult for me to digest even after my years of experience.  
Excellent speaker.  
Anonymous, 26-yr atty, 100+ adverse depositions

"A+" seminar; "A+" speaker; "A+" quality.  
Anonymous

Excellent seminar...informative and insightful. Excellent speaker. This seminar was the best on instruction, technique and in keeping interest and attention. Not a sleeper. Only flaw in the subject was that it was too short.  
Peter D. Janos, 15-yr atty, 300+ adverse depositions

Some of the most practical info I've ever received in a seminar whether an experienced trial lawyer or a new one, you will go home with more you can use. Can't wait until my next depo.  
Top notch speaker.  
Anonymous, 24-yr atty, 400+ adverse depositions

Seminar content extremely useful, in-depth and illustrative. I learned a tremendous amount of information and practical points to implement. Musante is fabulous...truly one of the best speakers that I have heard. His Powerpoint presentation was excellent. This seminar was by far the most comprehensive and practical on this topic.  
Anonymous, 18-yr atty, 25-30 adverse depositions

Excellent materials and content. An interesting, challenging and fast paced presentation. I give high praise to Musante and his energetic style. I truly appreciate the method of critiquing actual examples without simply reiterating the handout materials. I learned a lot. I have good practical advice that I can put to use immediately. The time flew by. I will look for Musante's other seminars.

Raymond Varcho, 20-yr atty, 15 adverse depos

Only experience has taught what you have presented, the value of establishing argument through the use of leading questions in deposition. Musante's presentation was entertaining as well as useful--the sign of a good teacher.

Laura J. Gentilcore, 21-yr atty, 150 adverse depos

Very good seminar...very good instructor. He has a real passion to improve our professional skills. When can I learn more? Seminar better than most...entertaining way of communicating his experiences. Great use of technology. I look forward to applying these methods...I appreciate learning a new perspective on how to conduct depositions.

James L. Burns, 15-yr atty

Strong seminar...very good speaker. This seminar is much better than the one other depo seminar I attended...the other one put me to sleep.

Todd Schwarz, 9-yr atty, 80 adverse depos

Very good seminar...it's good to have a list of rules to keep in mind in taking the deposition. Excellent speaker. This seminar is one of the best I have attended. Video clips were great and necessary...need more!

Stephen Funk, 14-yr atty, 150 adverse depos

Excellent seminar...fills in for the failure of law schools to teach anything practical. Musante is good... the seminar is better than most.

Bryan Frink, 8-yr atty, 50+ adverse depos

An extremely practical seminar because it gave specific methods/goals to the deposition process, which make a great deal of sense. My first depo is yet to occur, but it will happen and it will be good. Musante is a very good teacher; keeps interest very high...uses good examples to prove points. His logic is impeccable.

John Califf, 20-yr atty

Great seminar! Practical content is excellent -- it is not taught in law school.

Jennifer J. Jacquemain, 5-yr atty, 50+ adverse depos

Enjoyed it immensely. Musante is excellent. Will make me bolder and more trusting of my own intuition. It is the opposite of what my senior partner taught me.

JacquelineTresl, 1-yr atty, 10 adverse depos

Much better quality than the usual local lawyer-presenters. Obviously professional quality presentation. Good teacher, obviously well-prepared. Visual examples, powerpoints and videos were excellent attention-grabbers that made the topic interesting.

Anonymous, 21-yr atty, too many adverse depos to count

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor; excellent compared to other seminars. For once, I put aside the work I brought with me and listened ... he held my attention.

Anonymous, 20-yr atty, 200+ adverse depos

Very useful. Musante was clear, concise and informative. Will force me to plan my approach even more carefully.

Anonymous, 3-yr atty, 1 adverse depos

Best one ever attended. Musante's "rules" compared to mine are like comparing nuclear physics to elementary science. Excellent practical content; excellent instructor who makes presentation interesting ... keeps your attention throughout.

Mike Whipple, 24-yr atty, 30 adverse depos

Extremely better than other full-day litigation seminars, organized and insightful. Makes one rethink objectives of depositions.

T. Allan Regas, 1-yr atty, 7 adverse depos

Content was excellent. Some great things I can put into practice tomorrow ... perhaps too many things! Right on the money. Much better than the typical panel of "seasoned litigators" telling war stories.

Anonymous, 5-yr atty, 15 adverse depos

Best I've been to. Very worthwhile -- makes me wish I did more litigation. I will look at my depos with an entirely new perspective.

Stone, 29-yr atty, 10 adverse depos

Fantastic!

Anonymous

Good content, useful tips, reaffirmed the importance of competent adverse depositions. Musante is excellent. Great visual aids. Great examples of mistakes made by attorneys during deposition, and possible corrections.

Anonymous, 7-yr atty, 8 adverse depositions

Best deposition seminar I have attended. Excellent content. Musante is very effective. Will considerably improve my adverse depositions.

Anonymous, 4-yr atty, 60 adverse depositions

Very enjoyable seminar, very helpful and informative perspective to guide future depositions.

Anonymous, 7-yr atty, 150 adverse depositions

The best. Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. The speaker had unusual command of the subject with a delivery style that was captivating, yet not egotistical.

Anonymous, 20-yr atty, 47 adverse depositions

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. Better than other seminars, more practical.

Anonymous, 6-yr atty

Way better than average. Musante is engaging. Very useful practical content.

Anonymous

Above average teaching ability: dynamic and engaging, effective use of visual aids. Musante adds humor to the presentation which is a plus! I got more tips on how to box the answer better, how to use rhetoric more effectively, the loop concept, what it is and how to more effectively use it.

Anonymous, 18-yr atty, 40 adverse depositions

Very good and informative. Taught me that I have not been doing my best when I have taken depositions. Will greatly improve my adverse depositions.

Anonymous, 12-yr atty

Best depo seminar ever. Extremely practical. Outstanding instructor. I need to discard the materials from other seminars because they have taught me "crap." I will never again let a witness leave a depo without answering my questions.

Steven Goldberg, 15-yr atty, 60 adverse depositions

Excellent. Tremendous tools and advice for everyday use. Will be a definite improvement to my depositions, both in content and confidence.

Todd C. Hicks, 8-yr atty, 50 adverse depositions

It's what I hoped it would be ... pertinent and ready to be applied immediately. Musante teaches rather than lectures. His "rules" are night and day different from mine.

Lawrence G. Shooho, Jr., 20+ adverse depositions

Excellent practical content. I have a deposition in two weeks and plan to employ I learned today. Musante is excellent, very interesting and easy to pay attention to.

Joyce Ann Hribar, 14-yr atty, 10 adverse depositions

Probably the best of any CLE seminar I have attended. Finally someone told me how to do it. No comparison to others ... this was great. My old rules are out. I will now have a focus and purpose, instead of just pinning down the who, what, where, why, etc.

David A. Looney, 29-yr atty, 50 adverse depositions

One of the few CLEs I've attended where I've learned a lot of practical skills. Musante's "rules" put a name and order to my own that will allow me to think concretely about what I'm doing and trying to achieve.

Becky Lutzko, 6-yr atty

Practical and informative. Effective teacher. Hopefully will improve my adverse depositions a great deal.

Lori L. Reme, 2-yr atty, 6 adverse depositions

Very in-depth. Musante covers all the major topics of deposition. He thoroughly knows the topic and he relates that knowledge in an understandable format. His rules will enhance my deposition skills.

Kristina M. Kieltsch-Packard, 3-yr atty, 30+ adverse depositions

Much more salient to the actual performance of my job than other seminars. This seminar and experience will help my adverse depositions a lot.

Aaron Berg, 2-yr atty, 25 adverse depositions

High value of practical content; Musante is outstanding. Far better than average; will substantially improve the quality of my adverse depositions.

Matthew Harris Lucas, 12-yr atty

Excellent practical content. Will improve my depo prep and the drafting of articulate "interrogatory-like" questions.

Anonymous, 6-yr atty, 50 adverse depositions

Excellent. Good use of powerpoints. Very organized. Very useful practical points.

Gayle Beier, 3-yr atty, 15-20 adverse depositions

Great! Much better than others. I've never had depo rules set forth so clearly. New strategies to try.

Beverly Sandalz, 8-yr atty

Considerable practical application. This seminar actually changed the way I think about depositions and the way I will approach them in the future. My only goal before was to "get the facts." Now I know better.

Terry Walrath, 30+-yr atty, hundreds of depositions

Content useful and thoughtful. Musante is an effective instructor. This seminar held my attention far longer than the few others I have attended. It will make me think more deeply about my deposition strategy and not go into them quite so haphazardly.

Leah Kramer, 1-yr atty, 10 adverse depositions

Excellent practical content. Excellent instructor. Seminar better than most.

Steve Forbes, 13-yr atty, 100+ adverse depositions

Very thorough. Nice use of audio-visuals and good use of anecdotes to illustrate points. I will no longer be satisfied with a less than satisfactory answer. There are now tools available to get what I want out of the depo.

Greg Ochocki, 2-yr atty, 4 adverse depositions

Useful and interesting. Much more interesting than typical seminars, much better prepared.

Musante is very dynamic and clearly communicated his ideas.

James Timmerberg, 1-yr atty

Fascinating and informative. Excellent instructor. Will hopefully improve my adverse depositions to a great extent.

Bishoy M. Mikhail, 1-yr atty, 5 adverse depositions

A well-spent day! Content is good procedure for approaching deposition practice as contrasted to traditional theories of depositions. Musante is well-spoken and articulate, able to communicate main points.

Kevin Chlauson, 1-yr atty

"The 25 Credibility Arguments for Deposition and Trial"

A highly useful seminar. An outstanding speaker. The time passed quickly and I wish I had been able to attend both days.

Anonymous, 20-yr atty, 1000s adverse depositions

An extremely helpful seminar...presented in a very entertaining manner. Excellent speaker.

Jack Cooper, 13-yr atty, 60+ adverse depositions

"A+" seminar; "A+" speaker.

Anonymous

Very good seminar...very good speaker. Great videos...kept it interesting.

Jennifer Fleury, 12-yr atty, 40 adverse depositions

Excellent tips to get info out of difficult witnesses. Good speaker...breaks down info into manageable pieces.

Anonymous, 4-yr atty, 100 adverse depositions

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"A" seminar..."A" speaker. Great job at teaching and entertaining.

Alan J. Statman, 21-yr atty, 100s of adverse depositions, Statman, Harris,

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker.

Daniel J. Werstrup, 20-yr atty, 50 adverse depositions

A "10" out of "10". Excellent speaker...keeps it moving...great energy. This seminar is the best I've been to.

Rick L. Weil, 6-yr atty, 50-100 adverse depositions, Reminger & Reminger

"A" seminar..."A" speaker. Seminar much better than others.  
G.W. Taliaferro, Jr., 25-yr atty

Spectacular speaker. By far the most entertaining CLE I have ever taken.  
Christopher H. Hurlburt, 1-yr atty, 1 adverse depo

Excellent seminar...very good speaker. This seminar conceptualized the connection between trial and deposition. I expect it to improve my skills 100%.  
1-yr atty, Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., LPA

Superb speaker. Engaging...backs up his assertions. The visual presentation was excellent and assisted greatly in the presentation. This seminar is the best I've attended. I was attentive the full day due to the material and style. I would choose this speaker again over others. The day flew by.  
6-yr atty, Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease, LLP

Exceptional seminar...enthusiastic speaker.  
Matthew R. Chasar, 2-yr atty, Strauss & Troy

Rarely in 13+ years of attending CLEs have I encountered the depth/breadth of practical content as this seminar. I give it my highest praise; it's the best I've ever attended. Musante is excellent! The hours flew by and I was rapt with attention...entertaining and fascinating. There is no comparison between this and any other seminar I've attended.  
13-yr atty, 35 adverse depositions

Drives home basic important maxims, and dispels long-held myths about the best way to conduct adverse depositions. Musante speaks fluidly and articulately on his feet. Provides a basic methodological framework.  
Edward P. Akin, 3-yr atty, 6-7 adverse depositions

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. This is the best and most helpful seminar I've attended in years. I have 2 adverse depositions tomorrow in an intentional tort case. I'm going home tonight to reevaluate everything I had planned to do!  
Peggy McCollum, 12-yr atty, 50 adverse depositions, Casper & Casper

I will utilize the education learned from this seminar next week. Musante is one of the most engaging speakers I have heard. His ability to maintain his energy level was impressive.

Steven Davis, 18-yr atty, 100 adverse depos

Very informative and interesting seminar...excellent speaker. More energetic and useful than other full-day seminars.

Brian Wissman, 4-yr atty, 3 adverse depos

Complex seminar...excellent and entertaining speaker. I won't hold back now...will be much more aggressive in my preparation in taking depos.

Matt Zerbe, 12-yr atty, 250 adverse depos

Excellent seminar...very good speaker. The best full-day seminar I have been to.

9-yr atty, 80 adverse depos, Dinsmore & Shohl, LLP

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. Cross examination is very rigorous...this seminar has helped me greatly.

Jennifer Swartz, 4-yr atty

Musante is knowledgeable and engaging. His theory is good, and he is very good at anticipating and addressing objections.

Joseph Klein, 7-yr atty, 10 adverse depos

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker.

47-yr atty, 50 adverse depos

The seminar provides a strong emphasis on universally applicable concepts. Musante very good...held my interest...loved the videos. Seminar is superior to many.

Mark Stepaniak, 23-yr atty, 150 adverse depos

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker...keeps the audience's attention. One of the best seminars...this is my second time attending it.

Mark Kobasuk, 15-yr atty, Taft, Stettinius & Hollister, LLP

Great practical content. Musante very effective. Superior seminar. I am thoroughly convinced that cross-examination depends upon being disciplined in utilizing logical techniques.

David S. Sullivan, 4-yr atty, 10 adverse depos

Excellent seminar...very clear. Excellent speaker. Seminar much better than most.

Elsie Hall Kaiser, 25-yr atty, 10-15 adverse depos

Excellent instructor. Complete content is narrowed to teaching a special skill in a very useful way. I am now capable of taking a "killer" adverse deposition.

Richard E. Meyer

Helpful seminar...excellent instruction. I now feel the need to do more preparation, give more thought to deposition strategy and make my case there...not hold back on being aggressive in questioning.

David L. Zerbe, 18-yr atty, 25+ adverse depos, Zerbe, Zerbe & Garner, Lawrenceburg, IN

Musante weaves practical lessons into several mediums...keeps attention of audience over course of the day. Musante's use of technology, film and humor makes for good CLE.

Brad McPeck, 5-yr atty, 30+ adverse depos

The seminar puts into words some good practices I had instinctually explored. This seminar is certainly among the better ones. The most important part of the seminar was the conclusion that deposition is trial. All the other insights flow from that one fact.

24-yr atty

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. Far better than other full-day deposition seminars. Musante has removed my prior-held beliefs and rules.

Frank R. Recker, 17-yr atty, 200 adverse depos

Extremely applicable and practical to my practice. Good mix between oral presentation and visual media. Very engaging and energetic speaker.

Chris Mulraney, 9-yr atty, 300-400 adverse depos

Excellent seminar...one of the best, most practical seminars I have ever attended. Musante is excellent...keeps you engaged with the material.

Jeff Wade, 12-yr atty

Seminar content exceedingly relevant. Content offered had appeal to a broad base of experience levels. Musante was direct and engaging. I think trial lawyers should teach all of our CLEs!

Pam Sears, 20-yr atty, 1 adverse depo

Practical seminar...applies to arguments other than those made in adverse depositions. Musante is engaging, enjoyable and very effective. I attended this seminar just for the CLE credit, but found it to be one of the more enjoyable and informative seminars.

Karla Scott, 3-yr atty

Extremely practical for use in litigation. Excellent and entertaining speaker. Seminar far superior to others.

12-yr atty

Very practical seminar...no nonsense approach. Musante is blunt but effective...emphasizes important points.

Mike Menninger, 1-yr atty, 0 adverse depositions

Very useful and broadly applicable to attorneys in any type of litigation...things every attorney should know. Musante is excellent...good use of media, experience and common sense. Thank you...will recommend your seminars and hope you return to Cincinnati.

Stacy Hinners, 3-yr atty, 30+ adverse depositions

Very useful information...utilizes real-life examples. Speaker is top-notch in his field...his method of teaching is very effective because he ties basic tenets to real-life examples. Best seminar I've attended. I would recommend this seminar to even the most seasoned litigator who would like to refine his skills even more.

Elizabeth Martini, 20-yr atty, 10 adverse depositions

"The 25 Credibility Arguments for Deposition and Trial"

Excellent materials and good practice pointers for cross examination. Musante is enthusiastic and obviously enjoys presenting this seminar...that makes him a very good teacher. The videos provide excellent examples of each practice point. The seminar will give greater awareness of the type of "credibility opening" being presented by a witness and thus knowledge of how to exploit the opening.

Steve Haughey, 21-yr atty, 50+ adverse depositions

I can apply the points immediately to my practice. Musante is excellent...a highly gifted teacher. The seminar clarifies many things I have learned intuitively, and will therefore make my career experiences more "available" to me because the lessons are more concrete and accessible. It will help me repeat my successes and avoid my failures.

James Barbeau, 15-yr atty, 100 adverse depositions

Very good seminar...interesting points, good analysis of questioning and good suggestions/teaching points on forming framing questions. Excellent speaker. Outstanding video clips.

August Janszen, 12-yr atty, 30+ adverse depositions

Great seminar...entertaining while being educational. Terrific speaker. Top notch videos.

Don Rafferty, 16-yr atty, 300+ adverse depositions

Excellent seminar for everyone. Excellent speaker. Very good videos, kept it interesting.

13-yr atty, 100+ adverse depositions

Very good seminar content...good emphasis on logic. Musante is knowledgeable about topic, entertaining and enthusiastic in a positive way. Video clips were useful to show the application of the teaching points to real testimony.

Louis Schneider, 2-yr atty, 10 adverse depositions

A very useful seminar. Having the OJ/Clinton/Kennedy cases as teaching tools is very effective.

Excellent speaker.

8-yr atty

It is very useful in helping attorneys prepare for both depositions and cross-examination. Musante has an excellent teaching style...he enjoys his audience. Video clips were great. I especially liked the section on the cross examination in the William Kennedy Smith trial. I think this seminar will help with dealing with hostile witnesses and how to deal with the "I don't know" response.

Kurt Boehm

A very practical seminar...outstanding speaker. Video clips reinforce the teaching points and keep things lively. The seminar will help me as AD when being deposed by CE to anticipate areas of interest to CE.

Howard C.

Video clips were key to maintaining attention in a 6.25 hour seminar.

Chris Griffin, 3-yr atty, 3 adverse depositions

A very informative seminar...very good speaker. I am glad I had the chance to attend another of your seminars...I'm working on incorporating those skills and techniques.

Peggy McCollum, 13-yr atty, 75-100 adverse depositions

Very good seminar...concepts being taught have broad application to deposition and trial practice, and strong examples are illustrative of application of concepts. Musante is very good. He keeps presentation lively and fast-moving without sacrificing content or understanding of concepts being taught.

14-yr atty, 100+ adverse depositions

An awakening seminar...cogent speaker.

Eric Fernandez, 10-yr atty, 3 adverse depositions

The seminar content is useable in every deposition. An outstanding speaker. Well done.

20-yr atty, 150 adverse depositions

Outstanding seminar! I will use some of the techniques I learned today in my trial tomorrow. Very good speaker. Musante obviously uses Powerpoint to his advantage and kept the pace moving. Video clips were invaluable.

Robert Jensen, 8-yr atty, 5 adverse depositions

This seminar makes you think! Which, by the way, is high praise. A top notch speaker. The depo/testimony excerpts were very good. I will work very hard to incorporate these skills.

Ariane Johnson, 20-yr atty, 65+ adverse depositions

Excellent seminar...gives voice and substance to ideas that are usually "felt" and adds ideas I had not considered. Very good speaker. Nice use of Powerpoint.

Steve Huffer, 20-yr atty, 150+ adverse depositions

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

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. This seminar is way above average...I'm awake!

Jane Beach, 15-yr atty, 50 adverse depositions, Green & Green, Dayton

Speaker very, very good. I found the seminar fascinating...delightful.

John D. Poley, 27-yr atty, 100+ adverse depositions, Dayton

Interesting approach. Boies's questions seemed textbook. This seminar seems more "out of the box". Musante is fine, a little fast, but given content, understandable.

Anonymous, 10-yr atty, 3 adverse depositions, Dayton

Seminar based on a fundamental understanding of language, logic and reasoning...basic stuff that we should all have mastered, but I understand many have not. Language is critical! Very engaging...keeps interest and us awake with WHACKS!

Anonymous, Dayton

Outstanding and dynamic speaker.

James Mulligan, Dayton

Excellent use of examples. Musante is an excellent public speaker. Much better seminar than most.

Anonymous, 20-yr atty, Dayton

This seminar gives you a lot to think about when preparing for an adverse deposition. Being a wordsmith is very important. Musante is able to hold your attention for hours on end. He is a polished presenter who uses many visual aids to hold the audience's attention.

K. Manley, 20-yr atty, Dayton

Good seminar...very good speaker. Seminar is "at the top". Encourages me to be more bold.

Ellis Jacobs, 23-yr atty, 40 adverse depositions, Dayton

Excellent seminar...provocative approach to depositions. Argument is proven. Musante is clear, organized and entertaining.

Megan Richards, 15-yr atty, 55 adverse depositions, Casper & Casper, Dayton

Excellent seminar. Excellent speaker. Kept my interest the entire seminar.

Jerry Meadows, 20-yr atty, Dayton

Very practical seminar; above most others I've attended. Very good speaker. Requires some thought to put into practice. I need to go back and incorporate these techniques immediately.

Anonymous, 8-yr atty, 50+ adverse depositions, Dayton

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker.

Michael Gallaher, 2-yr atty, Dayton

Comments from [Toldeo](#) 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"

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker.  
David S. Willey, 1-yr atty, 3 adverse depositions

Good content and presentation...should help all attorneys. On a scale of "1-10", Musante is at least a "9". Superior seminar.  
Anonymous, 35-yr atty, several hundred adverse depositions

Excellent seminar...dynamic speaker. Far superior to other seminars.  
Sarah McHugh, 20-yr atty, "lots" of adverse depositions

The information presented in this seminar is very thought-provoking with aspect to how you prepare for and conduct a deposition. My evaluation of seminars like this one is the number of pieces of information I get out of it that I can use in practice. I think I will get more useful information from this seminar than from the typical seminar.  
Tim Labadie, 13-yr atty, 75 adverse depositions, Butzel Long, Detroit

The seminar provided a lot of practical advice. I learn better through examples and doing hands-on work. I enjoyed the examples, esp. the videos. Musante is an extremely motivated and skilled speaker. It is obvious that he knows and enjoys the subject and he is able to effectively relay the knowledge of information to us. This seminar was more helpful and practical than others I have attended.  
Tracy Selis, 3-yr atty, 100 adverse depositions

Excellent! The seminar is among the best. I will forever think of all depositions as part of the trial itself rather than merely a "discovery" tool.  
J. Fisher, 13-yr atty, 100s of adverse depositions, Gallon & Takacs Co., LPA

More practical than any other seminar I've attended. Musante has a natural talent for teaching...outstanding ability. Gives good clarification to approach to discovery dep. Goes against everything I've been taught, but I like it. This seminar is as good as it gets for a full-day program...one of the best I've attended.  
Jennifer Lawter, 11-yr atty, 50 adverse depositions

Excellent seminar. Have never had anyone suggest how to achieve the object...usually hear war stories. Excellent speaker...very entertaining as well as informative. Enjoyed the examples from trials and interviews immensely. Best deposition seminar I have ever attended...more practical.  
Sue A. Sikkema, 20-yr atty, 15-20 adverse depositions, Bunda, Stutz & DeWitt, PLL

Excellent seminar! One of the best seminars, and most useful, that I have ever attended.  
Excellent speaker ... entertaining and incorporated live testimony from well known cases.

Anonymous, 18-yr atty, Kitch Drutchas Wagner DeNardis & Valitutti

An eye-opener. Concepts were introduced that were never touched in law school. Musante very good...commanded attention.

Anonymous

This seminar has revised my thinking and approach to depositions. It will cause me to greatly expand the use of discovery, "oops", trial aspect of deposition. Musante is the only speaker that has kept me awake for an entire 6-hour seminar. Seminar much superior to others.

N. Stevens Newcomer, 36-yr atty, 50-100 adverse depositions

Very good seminar...very good speaker. One of the better seminars I've been to.

Jim O'Doherty, 5-yr atty, 4 adverse depositions, Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP

Seminar was very informative and useful. Far better and much more "entertaining" than other full-day deposition seminars. Excellent speaker.

Anonymous, 5-yr atty, 15 adverse depositions, Eastman & Smith

"A+" seminar..."A+" speaker. The seminar has opened my eyes to the fact that every adverse deposition is important and to do a good job the cross-examiner must be prepared--fully and completely--and you can't just go in and "shoot from the hip".

Anonymous, 18-yr atty, 250+ adverse depositions

Very helpful information and explained in a way that is easy to understand. Musante is impressive...kept your attention. Most interesting seminar I've been to.

Anonymous, 3-yr atty, 3 adverse depositions

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. This seminar is much better, more informative than others. Will use this information in depositions as well as trial practice.

Lami Coyle, 20-yr atty, 20 adverse depositions

Outstanding seminar! The practical content is insightful, extremely useful and thought-provoking. Musante is excellent. He is very engaging and interesting. He makes his points forcefully and in a manner that is unforgettable. He is easy to follow and understand. Very clear and concise.

Yvonne D. Bennett, Bunda, Stutz & DeWitt, PLL

"Mastering the Toughest-to-Craft Credibility Arguments"

Good seminar...I'm coming back tomorrow. Excellent speaker. Videos were very good teaching tools. Lead, lead, lead...I believe I'm taking some pearls of wisdom.

Anonymous, 13-yr atty, 100s of adverse depositions

A very accomplished speaker. To do what Musante says one has to be as smart as Bill Clinton, and few of us are. Wonderful video clips. I'm too old of a dog to improve the quality of my depositions, but inspiration may lead to more effectiveness.

Richard Kahler, 39-yr atty

Finally, a systematic approach to the logic of depositions. Musante is an excellent teacher; he is smart, articulate, organized and very energetic. Musante effectively shows that deposition logic may apply to any deposition through the use of archetypal questions. Videos were all on point, and the visual reinforcement always improves recall.

Anthony Turley, 7-yr atty, 250 adverse depositions

Good seminar, should be useful in framing questions and analytical analysis of testimonial responses. Good speaker...keen interest in the subject matter is reflected in his presentation.

Videos were quite useful; illustrated points.

Allan Scott Fisher

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. This seminar will change my technique.

William Clemens, 30-yr atty, 5 adverse depositions

The seminar will be helpful to developing strategies to deal with witnesses who are trying to withhold giving useful information. Excellent speaker.

Anonymous, 15-yr atty, 60 adverse depositions

The printed materials will be of considerable value in the future. The seminar opened up a whole new area of attack to the "I don't remember" response from witness. Excellent speaker...effective and interesting. The video clips provide real-world examples of the points the speaker covers in the seminar.

Ed Frey, 15-yr atty

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

Excellent seminar...superb speaker. Better seminar than any other I've experienced. The seminar gave me several suggestions for new approaches.

Deborah Lydon, 500 expert depositions

Excellent seminar...very good speaker.  
James Barbeau, 20 expert depos

Good seminar...good speaker. I am looking forward to taking my next AE depo armed with the knowledge gained from this seminar.  
Rick Cruse, 5 expert depos

Very good seminar. While many of us have stumbled on ideas conveyed here, Musante gives organizational principles that will help me make sure I do everything I need to every time. Musante is very good; a bit scattered, but that is what keeps my attention as well.  
Jennifer Hels, 3 expert depos

Good seminar...excellent speaker. Seminar better than most.  
Robert Hujnosti, 50 expert depos

Excellent seminar...good speaker. On a scale of 1-10, seminar rated a "10+" compared to others.  
Lori Flanigan

Excellent speaker. Best seminar I've been involved with!! "A+".  
Daniel Griffin

Excellent speaker...excellent seminar.  
August Janszen, "many" expert depos

Excellent seminar...of use to any litigator. Musante is one of the best I have heard at a CLE.  
Matthew Buck, 20 expert depos

Excellent seminar...examples were great...bite-sized practical tips. I liked learning what Musante had to say, so he's a good teacher as far as I'm concerned. Very illustrative, interesting material. Great seminar...I would recommend it.  
Anonymous

"Attacking the Expert's Pedestal"  
Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. Perfect. This guy should be seen live!  
Greg Wilson, 20 expert depos

Extremely valuable seminar...excellent speaker. Very effective Baden argument

Frank Recker, 175+ expert depositions

Excellent seminar! Thoughtful and thorough organization of principles in real world. Very good speaker...great energy, colorful, good examples, well explained, good written materials. Have this speaker back.

50 expert depositions

Very useful seminar...realistic and practical. Excellent speaker...very engaging and motivating.

100+ expert depositions

Very much liked the examples and video clips to illustrate points. Lots of practical info that will be easily incorporated into real life situations. Musante is excellent...very funny and knowledgeable...came across as a well versed advocate in this area/topic.

Channing Ulbrich, 0 expert depositions

Extremely practical seminar. A "10".

40-60 expert depositions

Useful and practical seminar...effective speaker. Teaching points are pointed out well.

Ken Montgomery, 10 expert depositions

Very good seminar...excellent written materials. Good voice inflection. Musante seems genuinely excited about the subject matter.

300 expert depositions

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

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. Much more entertaining, practical, down-to-earth than other "expert" seminars. Will definitely improve my adverse expert depositions, most significantly in the preparation.

Kurt Anderson, 25+ expert depositions, Fauver, Keyse-Walker & Donovan

Excellent practical content. Great instructor. Only seminar in 15 years where I did not read a book quietly. Mr. Musante does exactly what he promises.

Teri Stanford, 250 expert depositions

Very valuable and useful. Helped me understand how to organize my cross-examination. Musante is excellent.  
Thomas R. Wyatt, 10 expert depositions

This is a very useful approach to expert testimony from a logical perspective...is persuasive to non-lawyers (jurors). Musante is very effective and entertaining.  
Jeff Schaefer, 10 expert depositions

Very good seminar...practical pointers are easy to understand and easier to apply. Musante is excellent...entertaining while teaching. I learned new ways (and questions) to go after experts.  
Keith Pryater, 10 expert depositions

Well done. The quality of my adverse expert depositions will improve greatly as I am more confident to take a depo now.  
Erik Walter, 0 expert depositions

You've recommended a terrific scheme for planning how to depose experts in any context. I love logic. I appreciate that your approach is a common sense one; the kind that a reasonable juror should buy if a rational, logical cross-examination employs your techniques.  
Nancy Treu

Excellent seminar...a practical, rigorous approach to cutting through the fog of "expertise". Good speaker...OJ example is excellent, but Musante knows the case a lot better than we do.  
George Rosin, 50+ expert depositions

The seminar is very practical to my practice. Musante is excellent...quick-witted and sharp. Seminar is better than others--more practical than local attorneys telling war stories on a panel. This seminar will provide a fresh construct for approaching the "crux" questions with medical experts.  
Kris Treu, 300-400 expert depositions

Excellent seminar...superb speaker. The best I have seen in many years. Best seminar...no comparison.  
Anonymous, 100+ expert depositions

Highly rated seminar...highly rated speaker. The best.  
Anonymous, 10-15 expert depositions

Provides practical real-life examples. Musante communicates well, is engaging and interesting.  
Elena Jougorskaia, 5 expert depos

Extremely practical. Excellent instructor. Will improve my expert depos significantly.  
Dennis J. Niermann, 3-4 expert depos

Very useful. Excellent instructor. Much more practical information than other "expert" seminars.  
Abraham Lieberman, 10 expert depos, Baumgartner & O'Toole

Very good. I am not a practicing attorney, but use deposition techniques in arbitration and other employment matters. Musante is very good; keeps energy level in the room high.  
Richard J. Mahon

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor.  
Richard Jacob, 150-200 expert depos

Much better than other "expert" seminars. Musante is very entertaining.  
William P. Kienzl, 11 expert depos

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. Always good to step back and re-think practices and principles of the craft.  
Anonymous, 100+ expert depos

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. Better than others.  
Anonymous

Practical content: A+. Instructor: A+. Compared to other "expert" seminars: A+.  
Anonymous

Best I've attended. Thought-provoking.  
Anonymous, 300 expert depos

Excellent hands-on and practical approach. Excellent instructor!  
Anonymous, 20+ expert depos

Very useful. Should prove very valuable as I have had no actual "training" in taking adverse expert depositions.

Anonymous, 4 expert depositions

Picked up some nuggets. Will help me organize adverse expert prep.

Anonymous, 200 expert depositions

My first "expert" seminar ... very enjoyable. Musante loves to teach with examples and humor.

Anonymous

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

10 out of 10. Unlike any other. Ironclad logic; passionate presentation. This is the nuts and bolts, how to get our hands dirty.

Jack Leizerman, 50 expert depositions

Excellent presentation. As a former math major, I like the logical approach. Will help me organize and visibly chronicle opinions and attacks.

Steve Magas, 100+ expert depositions

Very good seminar and useful to trial and depositions. Musante is very articulate and straightforward which was appreciated. Musante gave practical and logical examples. Good interactive use of the OJ trial. Valuable advice to not hold things back for trial.

Anonymous, 23 expert depositions

Seminar provides a basis for conducting an expert deposition, however it will take a lot of practice to "own" the material. Very good speaker...engaging.

Chris Gaggin, 2 expert depositions

Seminar has been so valuable in helping me begin my legal career. Musante taught me more about the practicality of the deposition taking process than I thought possible in the short time of the seminar...thank you! I was terrified of the thought of taking my first deposition...I can't wait now. The seminar has built my confidence immeasurably.

Robert Alsro

Excellent seminar...very good teacher. One of the best seminars I've attended.

Evan Price, 50 expert depositions

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. Seminar better than most.  
Gail Ford, 50+ expert depos

A very helpful and interesting seminar...excellent speaker. Videos are helpful and make the practical material clearer. I will pay more attention to detail and press the expert regarding assumptions.  
Suzanne Beck, 6 expert depos

Excellent seminar...great handout and excellent Powerpoints. Musante's passion for what he teaches is wonderful and very engaging...obviously very knowledgeable. His honesty was refreshing...great enthusiasm...great sense of humor...this is good! Dynamic seminar.  
Anne Kahn, 12 expert depos

Excellent speaker. A new concept for me.  
Anonymous, 40 expert depos

It's always good to understand the "theory" behind the practice. Musante is enjoyable and interesting to listen to, even with a cold.  
D. Wallace, 100 expert depos

Tremendous seminar! This is my second seminar with Musante and I'll sign up for a third if offered. "A+" speaker. Seminar much more valuable than any other expert depo seminar.  
Brigid Heid, 12 expert depos

Best I have attended. Excellent practical content.  
John Wolfe, 160+ expert depos

One of the best seminars I have ever attended. Musante is very dynamic.  
Kevin Popham, 10 expert depos

Excellent and fun. Musante is clear and knowledgeable.  
Mike Moore, 100 expert depos

Excellent, very valuable, very practical, keeps your attention.  
Sandra Pinkerton, 50 expert depos

Excellent. Mr. Musante is a great combination of substantive knowledge and an engaging and entertaining speaking style. I anticipate taking my first expert depo before too long and this seminar makes that task less daunting to me.

Vladimir Belo

This seminar was the most in-depth and encompassing compared to other "expert" seminars. Easy to follow and interesting due to familiarity with the example subjects. Musante is excellent. The one-page "Expert" chart will help in applying what was learned long after.

Anthony A. Moraleja, 100 expert depositions

Very practical; much more detailed and useful than the old, war-worn methods heard before.

William L. Peters, 50+ expert depositions

This seminar gave me goals, organization and rationale for expert depositions that I did not possess before.

K. Ronald Bailey, 25 expert depositions, Bailey and Associates

Excellent. Presentation made sense and was very clear, concise and helpful. I'm a believer.

Randy Tormey

Better than any I have previously attended. This seminar has changed dramatically how I will approach, prepare for and conduct an adverse expert's depo. I believe it will assist in defusing the impact of the adverse expert and increase the value of my cases. Excellent instructor.

C. Steven Rabold, 200+ expert depositions

Very good practical content. Will improve the quality of my adverse expert depositions by a great measure.

Ethan Vessels, 1 expert depo, Theisen Brock

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

Excellent seminar...very good, engaging, speaker. This seminar focused on the logic of the questions...others I've attended focus on the questions to ask depending on the area of expertise. The seminar provides a structure for conducting depositions and knowing to keep asking the questions about the reasons for each opinion.

Becky Sechrist, 10 expert depositions

The seminar is applicable to trial...very helpful. Musante has an excellent teaching style.

Ed Frey

Excellent seminar...one of the best speakers I've seen. Best seminar I've attended.  
30 expert depos

Excellent speaker...a born teacher...engaging, humorous.  
50 expert depos

A very practical seminar. Musante is enthusiastic and knowledgeable. Best seminar ever.  
15 expert depos

A very practical seminar...outstanding speaker. Musante is entirely consumed by his topic.  
Seminar is better than others.  
25 expert depos

This is the best seminar I've attended. Musante is excellent.  
Anthony Turley, 80 expert depos

An intellectually outstanding seminar...outstanding speaker.  
Anonymous

"Attacking the Expert's Pedestal"

Best TBA seminar I've attended. If given again, I'll make every effort to attend again (and again!). Excellent speaker; good slides and handout...wish it were longer. Wish the seminar had been 2-3 days, or longer!

R. Donald Woodson, MD, JD, 0 expert depos

Great seminar...would attend another one. Musante is knowledgeable and entertaining. Most interesting CLE I have attended.  
Jessica, 0 expert depos

Terrific seminar...practical for both experienced and less experienced attorneys. Musante is thorough and entertaining.  
Pter Rost, 200-25 expert depos

Excellent material. Musante is passionate and very good with the material.  
James Vail, 10 expert depos

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. New ideas to consider.  
Dave Stuckey, 100 expert depositions

Very practical seminar...outstanding speaker.  
Cary Cooper, 200+ expert depositions

Extremely practical seminar...very good speaker. Kept attention of attendees until the end, which is hard when it is the same individual speaking all day with little or no discussion, Q&A.  
Tom Douglas

### OKLAHOMA

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

Fantastic seminar. If possible, this would be a mandatory seminar for all attorneys in my office. Musante is very intelligent, passionate and well-organized...makes the principles easy to grasp. I feel like I have attended a seminar I can actually use. I actually look forward to upcoming depositions where I can now put this material into practice.  
Mark Warman, 17-yr attorney, 800 adverse depositions

Best CLE ever attended, in terms of practical application. Musante has a high level of ability; good use of graphics and examples.  
Pat Franz, 5-yr attorney

Excellent seminar...it built on items in a clear and logical manner. Best depo seminar by far...very practical and useful info. Great content...I can prepare better with these tools and techniques.  
Teresa Simmons, 15-yr attorney, "many" adverse depositions

Very useful seminar...I liked the continued use of real examples. Musante did well at keeping my attention and keeping the presentation moving. This seminar was more informative than others. I learned more about technique than normal "here are 6000 examples of how to..." CLEs.  
Russell Wantland, 1-1/2 yr attorney, 5-10 adverse depositions

Great seminar...really compelling speaker. This seminar is significantly superior to others...it will have a meaningful impact on my depositions.  
Richard Hathcoat, 14-yr attorney

A very practical seminar...excellent speaker. This seminar is significantly more practical, useful and entertaining than other one-day seminars.

Rodney Stewart, 12-yr atty, 750 adverse depositions

Very good seminar...provides very hard and clear rules that are easy to understand and remember. Musante is very good...he teaches basic concepts for useful depositions one does not learn in law school, or typical CLE courses. His use of concrete examples and varying presentation between verbal description, printed excerpts of questioning and testimony, and videos help underscore his points. This seminar is sufficiently entertaining and fast-moving enough to keep one's attention. The presentation proved that there are universal rules to know and follow in taking adverse depositions, to achieve the best results possible.

John Douglas, 24-yr atty, 150 adverse depositions

Excellent speaker...knowledgeable...practical...not just rambling war stories. I have taken, or been in, over 200 depositions and this course taught me that I have been doing mediocre depositions, doing stupid things. I have bought into this new approach and like it!

Rollin Nash, 25-yr atty, 200+ adverse depositions

Very good seminar...excellent speaker; engaging, well prepared, and enthusiastic. I feel now like I have a clue about what to do and how to prepare for an adverse deposition.

Amy Steele, 1/2-yr atty

The seminar is full of very practical and useful information. Musante is stimulating; he never lost my attention so I stayed engaged and interested in the material. My entire approach to depositions has been questioned by what I learned today...my methods, approach and evaluation of deposing will change.

Anonymous, 5-yr atty

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. This is, by far, the best seminar I've been to.

Chris Abernathy, 8-yr atty, 25 adverse depositions

Very good seminar; innovative and against the weight of conventional wisdom. Very-good-to-excellent speaker. Musante's strongest attribute is his subjective belief in the value of his point of view.

Vince Hightower, 20-yr atty, 20 adverse depositions

Very good seminar. Never once was I tempted to nod off, even after lunch. That's the ultimate compliment.

David Cummings, 25-yr atty, 150+ adverse depositions

Very good and helpful seminar...good job. This seminar will help me form tighter questions giving the deponent no wiggle room.

Ryan Deligans, 2-yr atty, 20-25 adverse depositions

Outstanding seminar. Speaker is esoteric...advanced expert information was delivered in an understandable way. Subject matter crucial; delivery was riveting.

Anonymous, 2-yr atty

"The 25 Credibility Arguments for Deposition and Trial"

Excellent seminar. I'm already planning my depo tomorrow and using the information gained here in class. Musante is excellent...very enjoyable. The video clips were really beneficial. I thought the OJ tape was fascinating.

Larry Muse, 26-yr atty, 100+ adverse depositions

Excellent presentation...unique approach to a different topic. I came away with some good ideas to implement in my deposition as trial examinations. Musante is highly knowledgeable and a passionate speaker. Good materials with positive examples. This is the best seminar I have attended since my last seminar with Irving Younger.

Earl Donaldson, 32-yr atty, 300+ adverse depositions

An extremely practical seminar. Excellent speaker...Musante is concerned that students profit from the seminar.

Kelley Callahan, 25-yr atty, 100s of adverse depositions

A useful seminar to me as a federal criminal prosecutor though geared toward civil depositions. The videos from OJ Simpson trial were obviously relevant and of interest. The seminar will improve my skills in grand jury and at trial in cross examining hostile witnesses and defendants. An excellent presentation...Musante kept my interest throughout.

Anonymous, 34-yr atty

A very good seminar...it put a logical framework on what I intuitively have learned over the last three decades. Excellent use of the real world materials--better than having actors do a hypothetical demonstration. This seminar is really going to help in providing a framework for future depositions.

Anonymous, 29-yr atty

A very practical seminar. I use Musante's "take a killer deposition" religiously. This seminar just added more useful and practical information. Musante relates well to the audience and employs current events to keep the audience stimulated. Practical evidence of proof of "axioms" taught make the information understandable and interesting. They also point out flaws, in hopes we will not make those same mistakes later.

J. Ward,, 1-yr atty, 5 adverse depositions

Very useful seminar content. Good teacher...good use of clips. The videos may be the best source of teaching points, even though not all were trial clips. This seminar should greatly assist in improving the quality of my adverse depositions.

Anonymous, 12-yr atty, 40 adverse depositions

Very useful seminar...I learned a lot, more than I learned in law school. Excellent speaker...superb...superior. This is the best CLE class I have taken.

S. Sivanesan

Very helpful seminar--will be used in practical application. Musante is exciting--keeps your attention. The video clips make excellent teaching points.

Dean Hart Jr., 32-yr atty

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

A top-notch seminar. Musante is very good; he keeps the attention of the attendees; logical organization; good practical application. One of the best seminars.

Scott McDaniel, 30 expert depositions

Excellent seminar. A lot of techniques to use and more to think about. Excellent speaker...lively, entertaining, and substantive.

Anonymous, 5 expert depositions

Great seminar...wonderful teacher. It was lucky for everyone Musante lost a job and went into teaching. Best seminar I've attended...made me see the importance of deposition again.

Jack McCarty, 10-20 expert depositions

Excellent seminar; a practical, educational experience applicable to the practical examination of witnesses, experts in deposition at trial. Musante is passionate and knowledgeable.

Earl Donaldson, 100 expert depositions

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. A concrete and logical seminar.

Carol Lahman, 15 expert depositions

Very useful seminar. Musante is very articulate, but a little fast...very entertaining. I believe some of the things learned in this seminar are intuitive, but never articulated. I appreciate that it will improve my skills.

Anonymous, 10 expert depositions

Excellent seminar...very good speaker. This seminar will change my organization and approach to expert depositions.

Rick Westcott, 30 expert depositions

A very good seminar and speaker. Musante broke down complicated matter to the point it seems easy. My next deposition will be much more organized and methodical. I will be more confident, both of which are definite improvements.

Diana Stallard, 6 expert depositions

A very practical and useful structure at which to construct the cross examination. Excellent speaker. This seminar is much more useful than others...wish I had this when I first started practicing law.

Anonymous, 150 expert depositions

I particularly liked the application of the seminar to criminal trials and depositions. Excellent speaker.

Michael Kelly, 10-15 expert depositions

## OREGON

Comments from **Portland** 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"

Very solid and insightful. Great in terms of detail. Musante is an excellent speaker, approachable, with well done materials. I particularly agree that lawyers dabble too much in "discovery" depositions. The deposition is the trial, and is the tool I use to get what I want at trial/hearing. I will now write out some more questions to make sure I get more universal questions that reduce escapability.

Art Stevens, 17-yr atty, 300-500 adverse depositions

Eye-opening; logical. Best I have taken.

Stephen Joncus, 8-yr atty, 20 adverse depositions, Klarquist Sparkman, Portland

Practical content: A. Instructor: A. Compared to other seminars: A.  
Matthew Whitman, 6-yr atty, 20 adverse depos, Meyer Wyse, Portland

Entertaining, fast-paced, thought provoking. Very practical.  
Chris Moore, 22-yr atty

Seminar included information I can use in every deposition. Musante is entertaining and attention-grabbing!  
Philip Garrow, 20-yr atty, 50 adverse depos

This is the best seminar that I have ever attended, and I have been to several seminars that were quite good. Musante's style was animated and riveting. I am an in-house intellectual property attorney and have been for 16 years. I am currently involved in patent litigation and need education on depositions ... this seminar provided a wealth of information for me.  
Thomas Lenihan

Excellent! Great concepts that attorneys taking depositions should put into practice for every deposition. Musante is also excellent ... great hypos, covers main points multiple times from multiple perspectives to ensure understanding. Way more interesting and engaging than other full-day litigation seminars.  
Hub Adams, 1-yr atty

Down to earth, useful information. I usually have a hard time staying awake by the afternoon, but not with this guy! Wish I had had him as a professor in law school.  
Susan Dunaway, 7-yr atty

Best one-day CLE I have been to. Very interesting and practical.  
Dain Paulson, 7-yr atty, 30 adverse depos, Landye Bennett Blumstein, Portland

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. Top-level compared to others.  
Michael Hicks, 32-yr atty, "a lot" of adverse depos

Well above average. Useful and thoughtful. Musante is excellent.  
Kenji Kozuma, 4-yr atty, 30 adverse depos

Better than most; extremely provocative. Very practical. It will dramatically improve the quality of my adverse depositions if I follow up on the study and preparation.  
Charles Duncan, 30+-yr atty, 200 adverse depos

One of the best. Excellent practical content; excellent instructor.  
David D. Gallaher, 30-yr atty, 75 adverse depositions

Challenging, lively and interesting. Up there with Pozner & Dowd.  
Jon Wright, 3-yr atty, 10 adverse depositions

One of the best, if not the best, that I've been to.  
Bart Wachsteter, 7-yr atty, 100 adverse depositions, Mitchell, Lane & Smith, Portland

Excellent! Very captivating. Top seminar/top analysis.  
Orrin Grover, 30-yr atty, 300+ adverse depositions

Excellent practical content. Musante is informative and educational. A lot more comprehensive in its information and techniques than most other seminars I've been to.  
David Giles, 4-atty

This seminar was by far superior to other deposition seminars I have attended. Practical content was A+. Robert Musante provides entertaining examples to demonstrate salient practice points; his teaching ability was extremely effective.  
Michelle Kerin, 8-yr atty, 70-80 adverse depositions, Farleigh, Wada & Witt, Portland

Best deposition seminar I've ever attended by far. Awesome practical content. Musante was perfect! I finally have a discipline to address "I don't know" and "I don't remember."  
Kimberley Hanks McGair, 5-yr atty, 20 adverse depositions, Farleigh, Wada & Witt, Portland

At the top of trial related CLEs because it focuses on rules that can be used in any case, rather than on fact-specific war stories. Practical solutions to common problems effectively and passionately communicated. [Musante] clearly has a passion for his subject.  
James H. VanDyke, Portland City Attorney's Office, 20-yr atty, 100+ depositions

Excellent. Good visuals and expressive skills. Musante presented usable concepts for litigation rather than the usual review of case law applicable to a particular subject. These are practical concepts to use in depositions for trial prep and trial. I will have to digest these rules, but I now have some new ideas.  
Harriet Isenberg, 10-yr atty, 50 depositions

You can pay for the whole seat but you'll only need the edge!!  
Mitch Lampson, Deputy District Attorney, Washington County

First rate! Musante is thorough and animated. Every little bit helps, and the "bits" were major, not trivial.

Bruce Rubin, 27-yr atty, 200+ depos, Miller Nash

A+ for practical content. A+ for instructor. Vastly superior to others ... no comparison.  
Lee Nusich, 25-yr atty, 250 depos, Lane, Powell, Spears, Lubersky

This will be a valuable tool for me for my next 18 years! Very practical. I take or defend about 100-150 depos a year and this has put a logical framework on what I have done by rote or instinct. This will improve my technique. Most diverse use of powerpoint I've ever seen.  
18-yr atty, 1,000+ depos

As a new lawyer, I take all the litigation CLEs I can get my hands on, and this one definitely gave me the most bang for my buck! The lectures and video clips and materials were fine; Musante was very good, captivating and simplistic.

Lori Volkman, 1-yr atty, 1 depo

Much better practical advice than other CLEs. Practical content excellent. Musante is excellent.  
Peter Bunch, 3-yr atty, 3 depos

Excellent practical content. I have taken many full-day seminars and this is one of the best. I now realize I could have been taking better depositions.

Bill Patton, 5-yr atty, 3 depos, Lane, Powell, Spears, Lubersky

I found this seminar much more useful than others due to its practical use and helpful outline of material. Very practical. It has helped by giving me a much better sense of methods through which I can commit deponents. Helped by dispelling many myths of depositions which were tripping me up prior to this seminar. [Musante] clear and logical. Also entertaining. I am one of the attorneys who followed [Stupid Orthodoxy rules] blindly. Today's [depo] rules give a better sense of purpose for depos.

Matt Borrillo, 3 1/2-yr atty, 40 depos

Very informative and useful in everyday practice as a litigator. Musante is excellent -- I like his passion. The cross-examination of an adverse witness takes more thought than I had been taught; this will vastly improve the quality of my adverse depositions.

Leah Lively, 3-yr atty, 6 depos, Lane, Powell, Spears, Lubersky

Musante is great. His rules are more complex and thoughtful than those I've used. I now have a better understanding of boxing in testimony and no fear of focused insistence on answers.  
Tom Hutchinson, 10-yr atty, 100+ depos, Bullivant, Houser, Bailey

I found this seminar to be well presented and probably more practical than most CLEs I've taken. Extremely practical and useful. Excellent teaching abilities, interesting, understandable and humorous.

Kent Gubrud, 13-yr atty, 20 depos

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. Among the best of seminars; reminds me of Herb Stern's seminar on "Trying Cases To Win." I think my depositions will substantially improve.

Rod Norton, 25-yr atty, 100's of depos, Hoffman, Hart & Wagner

Among the best. Musante's rules are similar to mine in some respects, but generally different (& I'm convinced) far more effective. Should improve the quality of my depositions tremendously.

Dave Thompson, 2-yr atty, 5 depos

Much better than all others. Very helpful to the long-time practitioner, which is rare. Musante is excellent; could wake the dead. My depo prep will now take longer, which is good.

Karen O'Kasey, 16-yr atty, 100+ depos, Hoffman, Hart & Wagner

Interesting, clear, well-organized presentation. As a relatively new attorney, Mr. Musante's insights into the adverse deposition process were enlightening. His rules are more focused; much more thought than I've had the insight to do. My preparation will be different now; I will respond differently to deponent's answers.

Philip Overcash, 1-yr atty, 5 depos, Crispin & Assoc.

Wonderful ... made me really reconsider my standard practices.

17-yr atty, 50-100 depos, Tonkon Torp

Best I've ever attended. Very practical; learned much! Hopefully my skill will improve and then improve again and again.

10-yr atty, 50 depos, Tonkon Torp

This is the best CLE I have attended. More new information was provided than I could absorb. Dynamic speaker -- keeps your attention -- good repetition of key points. Solidified vague knowledge that has been floating around in my head. [This seminar's depo rules] very different -- more assertive and aggressive.  
7 depos

Good seminar! Good value. I've paid more for less valuable seminars. Outstanding practical content. Good, engaging speaker.  
3-yr atty, 3 depos

Excellent. Best I've ever taken. [Practical content] Excellent. 2 days would even be okay.  
4-yr atty, 10 depos

Well prepared, focused and good framework. 80% has immediate practical impact. Musante is very good.  
10-yr atty, 75 depos

Good CLE compared to others. Good practical content. Musante used visual aids well and was not monotonous.  
12-yr atty, 30 depos

Very practical and meaningful regarding nuts and bolts. [This seminar's depo rules] more comprehensive and structured than mine.  
20-yr atty, 100+ depos

Very practical reminder that I unfortunately let myself get "too busy" to adequately prepare/take the depositions. Gets me thinking outside the box -- I've too often looked only for the battleships and haven't challenged the witness often enough.  
14-yr atty, 150+ depos

One of the better CLEs I've taken. Very practical. I can't wait to use these techniques in my next deposition. I appreciate the humor and energy in Mr. Musante's presentation. Great instructor. He has explained why some of my depositions have worked!  
5-yr atty, too many depos to count

Ranks as one of the best! Practical content very useful and helpful. Musante is excellent.  
1 1/2-yr atty, 4 depos

90 percentile! [Practical content] Excellent. [Musante] Excellent. [This seminar's depo rules] articulates what I was doing intuitively, but not often enough.  
19-yr atty, hundreds of depos

A+! Plain talk is a rarity in this profession and it is greatly appreciated. The seminar provided me with greater confidence to stick with my instincts and not follow the "traditional" methods I have witnessed with other attorneys.  
3-yr atty, 5 depos, Lane, Powell, Spears, Lubersky

Provided practical and useful information rather than mere theory. Material was well organized; Excellent practical content, excellent instructor.  
1-yr atty, 3 depos

As long as I learn enough to help me advance ONE of my open cases, I judge the CLE worthwhile. This was worthwhile. [Practical content] will affect the way I conduct depositions significantly. [This seminar's depo rules] quite different -- I'm going to change.  
9-yr atty, 25 depos

I asked my boss about taking this CLE; he said, "Ahhh, you don't need it." He was wrong. I paid for it myself and I'm glad I did. It confirms to me that there IS process to this practice.  
1-yr atty, 0 depos

Very practical in that it gets to the heart of what our goals should be in deposing an adverse party and then walks through the methodology. Musante is great! I'm entertained, becoming convinced and feeling enthusiastic! I'm looking forward to using these tools and expect to be better than I would have been without this seminar.  
1-yr atty, 0 depos

Very valuable compared to other CLEs. Excellent practical content and excellent instructor. I have adhered to the "stupid orthodoxy" more often than I not.  
12-yr atty, 200+ depos

Very helpful, very practical. Excellent practical content. Among the 5 best CLEs. Excellent teacher.  
20-yr atty, 150 depos

Good practical value. Excellent teacher.  
4-yr atty, 50 depos

Much, much better than other depo seminars I've gone to. Extremely good content. I particularly appreciated the visual examples. Musante is excellent. I stayed attentive all day and took notes. I really enjoyed the humor and political/social context examples. I have lots of depo witnesses who waffle, qualify answers and "forget" or "don't know." I can use these tips and the info provided immediately.

Anonymous, 7-yr atty, 100+ adverse depositions

Excellent. I brought a book to read, but never opened it. Very engaging, funny and fast-paced. Makes me want to go back and read my old depo transcripts. Will change my [future] depositions substantially.

Anonymous, 6-yr atty, 100+ adverse depositions

Valuable content. Excellent instructor. Worked hard - good energy - pulled off tough trick: challenged us humbly! The debunking of false maxims very valuable! I am recommitted to rigorous preparation for depositions that will allow me to depend mostly on my reading skill at trial.

Anonymous, 25-yr atty, 100 adverse depositions

"The 25 Credibility Arguments for Deposition and Trial"

Invaluable seminar...I believe that I have learned some wonderful, effective techniques that will start me out in a successful direction with my first deposition. Excellent speaker...clear, concise, and entertaining.

Dori Brattain, 1-yr atty, Salem

Highly useful content for my criminal defense trial work. Musante is an A+.

Mark Smolak, 26-yr atty, Portland

Excellent seminar. As a new lawyer, I was looking for a CLE that could provide me with a universal schema to apply to depositions so I wouldn't feel lost or alone...this CLE provided that information and more. Robert was a fun teacher; easy to follow, captivating and intellectually stimulating. His use of video clips illuminated his teaching points very well...as a child of technology, I greatly appreciated the use of video clips.

Katie Lane, 1 1/2-yr atty, Multnomah County Attorney's Office

Excellent seminar...I will go back over the printed materials. Excellent speaker...as good as I've heard. Time flew by.

Anonymous, 28-yr atty, 800+ adverse depositions

Great program...great practical tips. Excellent speaker...very engaging. Will help me to pin down the elusive witness.

Craig Rossilo, 8-yr atty, 8 adverse depositions

Comprehensive seminar; very effective at provoking thought regarding the approach to prep for depo. A+ speaker. Video clips were helpful and broke up the presentation well.

Dan McCarthy

Good seminar...as quick a pace as any CLE; the video clips actually help make it more interesting than a UCC CLE. I like the way Musante laid out the points with the axiom and examples...reminded me of law school writing class. Great use of video clips.

Anonymous, 3-yr atty, 10 adverse depositions

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. I think the Simpson videos do a great job of illustrating the teaching points. The quality of my depositions will improve to a great extent.

Anonymous, 5-yr atty, 10 adverse depositions

Very high evaluation re content of seminar...very good speaker. This seminar will help improve the quality of my depositions a great deal with regard to "I don't know" and "I don't remember" situations.

Bob McCann, 24-yr atty, 100 adverse depositions, Long, Delapoe, Healy, et al.

Very practical seminar...very dynamic speaker. The video clips were one of the better aspects of the class. Not only will my depositions improve but also trial cross.

Pete Davis, 32-yr atty

Very interesting and informative seminar. Gives a lot of logical arguments and commonsense points that wouldn't normally occur to me. Musante has high energy and interest in the topic...makes time pass. Effective use of real-world examples to back up teaching points.

Anonymous

Very good seminar. I liked [Musante's] insistence on a "right" way and forceful argument to support. Musante is great...engaging...good use of talking and visual aids. I liked the use of several fact patterns to illustrate...the OJ Simpson background was appropriately in depth.

Anonymous, 4-yr atty, 30+ adverse depositions

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. Total agreement with the credibility argument claim.

Anonymous, 47-yr atty, 100s of adverse depositions

Excellent seminar...I have attended previously and used these techniques. Musante is excellent. Excellent use of videos...illustrations using OJ Simpson trial tapes were very good.  
Marc Sellers, 12-yr atty, 20 adverse depos, Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt

Very good seminar...the skills for taking deposition distilled to understandable components, capable to being learned and applied. Musante is good...interesting and engaging style. This seminar will assist me in structuring all inquiries and questioning of witnesses in every contest.  
John V. Acosta, 20-yr atty, 100+ adverse depos, TriMet

Very good seminar...I came hoping to find some tools to use against the "I don't remember" response ... I found them in this seminar. Musante very good...keeps it interesting with real life examples.  
Allen Eraut, 5-yr atty, 40-50 adverse depos, Bullivant Houser Bailey, PC

Very practical seminar for my practice. Musante kept a good pace, full of info and light on digressing.  
Anonymous, 7-yr atty, 50 adverse depos

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker.  
Dave Gallaher, 31-yr atty, 50 adverse depos, Pendleton

The seminar content seems highly practical to me. I will need to read thru the materials carefully and try to digest the philosophy/techniques described, then try them out. Musante is good, clear convincing. Video clips excellent...Simpson is still a relevant subject when used in this manner.  
Kirstin Lurtz, 8-yr atty, 15 adverse depos, Marion County Legal Counsel, Salem

Musante is dynamic...lots of energy...thanks!  
Anonymous

Very good seminar. Musante always gives practical examples to illustrate the theory. I came today because I have heard and liked Musante before. Video clips of Simpson are helpful (though I also enjoyed Clinton at the last program).  
Anonymous, 10-yr atty

Good topic to focus on. Musante easy to follow, uses the tools to keep us awake...entertaining material. The quality of my depos will improve greatly.

Caroline Harris Crowne, 2-yr atty, 3 adverse depos, Tonkon Torp, LLP

Very helpful seminar...good use of historical anecdotes/video with which to apply the "tips". The axioms are a bit long. Musante is engaging--just enough humor, levity and enthusiasm...keeps you interested.

Anonymous, 2-yr atty, 1 adverse depo

Good seminar...very good speaker. Video clips extremely helpful...this was the best part of the seminar...loved the OJ Simpson videos...also Clinton, Rummy...the best!

Charles M. Simmons, 2-yr atty, 20 adverse depos, Macpherson Gintner, et al.

Highly useful seminar--it will change the way I do depositions. An entertaining and educational presentation. Videos were helpful as teaching tools.

Scott Asphaug, 22-yr atty, 15 adverse depos, Multnomah County Attorney's Office

Very compelling presentation and fantastic format. Musante is excellent...I enjoyed his presentation examples and teaching points. Truly entertaining and reinforcing. I will focus on these logical approaches and hope to improve dramatically my depositions.

Kathleen Profit, 1-yr atty, 1 adverse depo, Foster, Pepper, Tooze, LLP

Very good seminar...very good speaker. The seminar will help me focus more on motivation and exploring it. Also of closing off, or opening up...lack of memory.

Anonymous, 20-yr atty, 500 adverse depos

Very good seminar...very good speaker.

David Snyder, 25-yr atty, 100 adverse depos, Snyder & Hoag, LLC

The practical content of this seminar was excellent. The use of real high profile examples highlighted the strengths of good deposition techniques and the oft-used poor practices of many attorneys.

Anonymous, 17-yr atty, 30+ adverse depos

Excellent, interesting subject matter. Musante is interesting...good layout and style.

Anonymous, 1-yr atty

The practical content gives me a good perspective from a defensive standpoint. I like to know what the enemy has been trained to know and do. Videos well done.

Anonymous

This was a combination of refresher and new approach to situations that arise in every deposition. Excellent speaker. Very useful video clips.  
Anonymous, 26-yr atty, 300+ adverse depositions

Good speaker. I did not experience Simpson overload...good historical example. Very helpful.  
Robyn McGinnity, 6-yr atty

I liked the seminar. Great speaker. Video clips were great.  
Brad Macomber, 2-yr atty, 1 adverse depo, Hunt & Associates, PC

Very good seminar. Written materials do not contain many points speaker made...because of speed of presentation, hard to get all down on paper. Excellent speaker. Effective videos...illustrated points well and kept lecture interesting.  
Anonymous

Very good speaker...very good seminar. This seminar will help both adverse and preparation of witnesses.  
John Baker, 18-yr atty, 40 adverse depositions, Jordan Schrader, PC

## PENNSYLVANIA

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

Outstanding seminar...on point...entertaining. Superior speaker. One of the absolute best seminars.  
David Bleicken, 6-yr atty, 1 adverse depo

Seminar a needed refresher with new tips. Very good speaker. Seminar up near the top.  
Anonymous, 22-yr atty, 100s of adverse depositions

Very good seminar...very good speaker. Knowledge and clarity were impressive.  
Anonymous, 33-yr atty, 15 adverse depositions

A comprehensive seminar...excellent speaker.  
Dominick Muracio, 3-yr atty

Excellent seminar...necessary for any practitioner. Excellent speaker...entertaining and motivational.

Anonymous, 4-yr atty, 10 adverse depositions

Very straightforward speaker. He taught and reinforced the key principles concerning precise use of English. Seminar much better than others because it was so language construction oriented. The principles are easy to transfer to virtually all types of depositions.

Debbie Barr, 9-yr atty, 1 adverse depo

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. One of the best seminars, if not the best, of any seminar I have attended.

Norman Callan, 4-yr atty, 4 adverse depositions

Seminar presents interesting points that are outside the "norm" of what I've been taught about taking depositions. Good framework for taking depositions presented.

Alan Robinson, 8-yr atty, 30 adverse depositions

Seminar makes me want to finally get to do one, which I assume is a good thing. Great speaker!

Anonymous, 1-yr atty, 0 adverse depositions

Excellent seminar...very good speaker--entertaining and educational.

Nathan P., 5-yr atty, 50 adverse depositions

Superb seminar...spectacular speaker. No comparison to other seminars.

Harry Crasswell, 35-yr atty, 10 adverse depositions

Very helpful seminar--practical advice that can be used in everyday situations. Excellent speaker. Powerpoint was interactive rather than static slides.

Anonymous, 10-yr atty, 40 adverse depositions

Excellent seminar...wish I had had it earlier in my practice. Excellent speaker.

Anonymous, 30-yr atty

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

Excellent seminar...I plan to use it as early as next week. I feel as if I now have "permission" to seek the info in a "discovery deposition" in an advocacy-oriented way. Fabulous speaker...Musante obviously spent many hours/weeks/months developing this course and it shows. Hands down, this seminar is better than the NITA seminars my firm sponsors throughout the year.

Anonymous, 8-yr atty, 3 adverse depositions

Much food for thought...very good speaker. Superior seminar.

Anonymous, 26-yr atty, 1000s of adverse depositions

Terrific seminar...great practical advice for every deposition. Dynamic speaker...informative with humor...entertaining. Best seminar I have seen yet...would love to come again!

Anonymous

Awesome presentation...very specific, useable and practical information presented in an interesting and entertaining manner. Musante is passionate, educated and intense. Former seminars have been dry and basic...this seminar was passionate and really useful.

Christopher Fiore, 8-yr atty, 50 adverse depositions

Nobody else out there, whether in law school or in private practice, is teaching the logical and rhetorical discipline of deposition cross-examination. Musante is very engaging, responsive, and entertaining. Enviably high energy level and extremely creative. The videos were very instructive real-world examples.

Alexander Vincent, 5-yr atty, 10 adverse depositions

I wish I'd had this info in law school. Musante is a very good speaker...very entertaining.

Janet Braum, 13-yr atty, 100 adverse depositions

A lot to digest. Great speaker. This seminar is better than most...love the sound effects, speaker's expressions and Powerpoints.

C.J. Baffa, 24-yr atty, 50 adverse depositions

Seminar makes sense...vindication for me. I have been ridiculed for asking leading questions during depositions. Excellent speaker. This seminar is just as good--if not better--than others...similar to Larry Posner's course.

Kenneth Robinson, 24-yr atty, 100+ adverse depositions

Very good seminar...excellent speaker. Superior seminar compared to others. Video clips kept the program lively and entertaining.

Joseph McKenna, 50-yr atty, 500 adverse depositions

From an inexperienced litigator's perspective, the course is both basic and advanced. I feel like I could use this in my first deposition and still be drawing from the course in years. Excellent, witty and knowledgeable speaker.

Byron McMaster, 1-yr atty

Interesting seminar...different approach...makes sense. Flies in the face of everything I've been taught or what I've been doing. Very good speaker.

Anonymous, 24-yr atty, 1000+ adverse depositions

Very good seminar...excellent speaker. Top-level seminar compared to others.

Thomas Flatley Jr., 30-yr atty, 10 adverse depositions

Excellent body of techniques discussed. Excellent speaker...speed, pace and content was just right. Lots to put to practical effect.

Kenneth Richmond, 20-yr atty, 1500 adverse depositions

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. This is the best seminar that I have attended, hands-down. I wish that I would have had the opportunity to take this course many years ago.

Michele Burkholder, 7-yr atty, 15 adverse depositions

I will never take another "discovery" deposition! Superior compared to other one-day deposition seminars ... excellent practical content, excellent instructor.

Marc Stofman, 9-yr atty, 50+ adverse depositions, Klehr, Harrison, Harvey, Branzburg & Ellers, LLP

Musante has an outstanding ability to teach. Excellent, thought-provoking practical content.

Tom Wolpert, 10-yr atty, 30 adverse depositions

Excellent speaking and teaching style. Certainly will make me think about my [deposition] approach.

Philip A. Sechler, 15-yr atty, 100 adverse depositions

Very practical and common-sense approach to taking trial depositions. More practical than most. Musante is excellent with practical information and visual aids.

Todd Savarese, 14-yr atty, 100 adverse depositions

Wonderful! Useful pointers that were demonstrated in examples broad enough to be applicable to many different types of cases. Musante is excellent ... focused, articulate, easy to follow. This is by far the best seminar. I definitely recommend it. Will greatly improve the quality of my adverse depositions. I will view them to be as crucial as trial, if not more important, because cases rarely go to trial.

Brooke Willmes, 2-yr atty, 10-15 adverse depositions, Wilson, Elser, Moskowitz, Edelman & Dicker, LLP

Excellent instructor; good practical content. Much better than other one-day deposition seminars.

Lance Gotko, 15-yr atty, 40 adverse depositions, Friedman, Kaplan, Seiler & Adelman, LLP

Very informative. Musante is high-energy, fast-paced. He has developed a new way to look at depositions. Good information for beginning attorneys to dispel some of the notions that are common among litigators.

James Backenson, 2-yr atty, 10 adverse depositions

Fantastic! This should be taught in law schools or run as a training seminar. Musante is very knowledgeable. Will improve the quality of my adverse depositions tremendously.

G. Montilus, 6-yr atty

One of the best and far better than most. Excellent practical content; Musante is excellent and well-practiced.

Louis b. Kupperman, 25+-yr atty, 100+ adverse depositions

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. I am still learning, and I have learned a great deal from this course.

Anonymous, 55-yr atty, several hundred adverse depositions

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. I believe that this will increase my confidence by following a concrete pattern.

Anonymous, 10-yr atty, 30 adverse depositions

Excellent! Right on. Excellent instructor!

Anonymous

Interesting, valuable and engaging.

Anonymous, 24-yr atty, several dozen adverse depos

Extremely practical. Particularly useful in "people v. people" cases such as employment discrimination, civil rights violations, etc. Musante is strong, forceful and convincing. A well-honed presentation.

Anonymous

The information presented will be essential in my practice as I take 3 depositions a week. Musante is engaging and persuasive. I anticipate that my future depos will be tighter, and probably much more fun.

Anonymous, 15-yr atty, 200 adverse depos

"A" seminar..."A+" speaker.

Peter Curry, 28-yr atty, 1000s of adverse depos

Great seminar...fantastic speaker. Best

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Frank Daly, 33-yr atty, 100+ adverse depos

Excellent seminar! Musante is a great public speaker...well prepared, very informative, holds the attention of audience, very practical. Use of Powerpoint was superb.

Liza Stagliano, 5-yr atty, 150 adverse depos

Awesome seminar...loved it. Fast seminar; sometimes hard to keep up.

S.N.D., 9-yr atty

Very useful seminar...solid attempt to put a strong structure on complex, difficult to organize material. Very good speaker...energetic, confident. Commitment to excellence is terrific!

Anonymous, 20-yr atty, 100+ adverse depos

A fresh and significant approach to the art of depositions using a basic and rational approach designed to help the attorney logically get to the best evidence. Wonderful speaker. Much better than other seminars...different approach.

Robert Schall, 19-yr atty, 50 adverse depos

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. Seminar surpasses other seminars by leaps and bounds.

Susan Dean, 12-yr atty, 25 adverse depos

An extremely valuable set of comprehensible guidelines. Excellent speaker. Far superior to any other seminar I've attended.

Jim Greenfield, 25-yr atty, 100s of adverse depositions

I wish I learned this stuff in law school...very practical skills. Musante's enthusiasm for the subject matter is evident. Top class teacher! This will change my whole approach to taking depositions.

Anonymous, 3-yr atty, 60 adverse depositions

Functional and practical seminar. Excellent speaker...informative, entertaining, knowledgeable. The best seminar I've taken in a long time.

Anonymous, 8-yr atty

The seminar has provided me with information and knowledge I feel is overdue, ie, I should get at least a partial refund from my law school. Musante is engaging and instructive...makes a 6 hour CLE seem too short.

Joshua Scheers, 1-yr atty

The seminar should be required class in all law schools. Great teacher on a complex topic. Best seminar of deposition techniques that is offered.

Rick Curtis, 25-yr atty, 100 adverse depositions

Outstanding seminar! Musante has a remarkable level of energy that is contagious. A CLE that is fast paced, intriguing and raises excellent points. After taking hundreds of depositions, I never realized I knew so little about so much. This is truly a course that has enlightened me!

Anonymous, 10-yr atty, 250 adverse depositions

Very good seminar...I'd cut out some of the fluff. Very good speaker. Top notch seminar.

Gerherd Dietrich, 22-yr atty, 500 adverse depositions

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. Seminar is at the top.

John Marquess, 30-yr atty, 2,000 adverse depositions

Very useful, practical approach to depositions in the context of the ultimate goal of litigation--favorable resolution. Musante is highly effective...high energy approach kept audience engaged. This seminar is significantly more useful than others.

Rory Connaughton, 10-yr atty

Very useful seminar for learning an overall approach and purpose to adverse depositions. Excellent speaker--he's like a legal Lewis Black. Excellent logic, although slightly heavy-handed.  
Bret Binder, 1-yr atty, 0 adverse depositions

This is by far the most practically useful deposition seminar I have attended. Outstanding speaker.  
Anonymous, 2-yr atty

Best seminar I have experienced in my entire career...wish I had been exposed to this approach 30 years ago. Good speaker. This seminar is more detailed and more focused than others.  
Travis Wochok, 37-yr atty, 500+ adverse depositions

Written materials are demonstrative and helpful. Musante is a dynamic speaker. His Powerpoint was visually helpful to keep the program moving.  
Anonymous, 18-yr atty, 100+ adverse depositions

Very practical and useful. I look forward to using these techniques in my next depo. Musante is very good. Very engaging and interesting. I will never conduct a depo the old way again. I have taken adverse depositions without this mindset...what a mistake!  
Anonymous

I will immediately use the concepts presented in this seminar. Musante uses numerous visual aids to nail down his lessons. Seminar far superior to others. The video clips left an indelible impression of Musante's teaching points.  
Joseph John Rossi

Very informative and different than any conventional publication regarding cross examination/deposition techniques. A very effective speaker. Seminar is much more useful...practical and well reasoned deposition taking technique.  
Anonymous, 10-yr atty, 25+ adverse depositions

"The 25 Credibility Arguments for Deposition and Trial"  
The seminar was 100% spot on. Musante is among the best seminar instructors anywhere. The quality of my future depositions will improve immeasurably  
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Douglas Wright, 25-yr atty, 15 adverse depositions

Excellent seminar...effectively uses examples from Simpson case to illustrate teaching moments. Excellent speaker...engaging, active, excited about material. The seminar will greatly improve my skills because the points covered are basic concepts that we often forget but which are crucial to achieving our goals at deposition/trial.  
David Colvin, 4-yr atty, 15 adverse depos.

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. Video clips were excellent...and funny.  
Edward Bigham, 11-yr atty, >100 adverse depos

The seminar confirmed many things I believed for a long time. Excellent speaker. Much better than most CLE presentations.  
Michael Giampietro, 24-yr atty

Excellent, engaging and energetic speaker.  
Mike Gottsch, 19-yr atty, 50 adverse depos

Great program--a must for all litigators. Excellent speaker.  
Anonymous, 25-yr atty, 60+ adverse depos

Excellent refresher seminar. Very accomplished speaker.  
Stephen Carr, 40-yr atty, 1000s of adverse depos

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. Musante is a great speaker...very entertaining. Video clips were great...will help me remember the key points. This seminar will help me be better able to deal with the evasive witness and will definitely ask more leading questions.  
Anonymous, 10-yr atty, 12 adverse depos

The seminar is giving me a lot to think about. I think there have been a fair number of ideas I could try for myself. Great speaker.  
Anonymous

The information provided was thought provoking in evaluating how to take depositions on adverse witnesses to a new level. Musante is very informative and entertaining.  
Anonymous, 11-yr atty, 30+ adverse depos

Very good seminar...excellent speaker. Videos did a nice job of illustrating the points and made the seminar very enjoyable.  
Margaret Stuski, 20-yr atty, 10 adverse depos

Very enlightening seminar...extremely insightful speaker. Videos were effective in demonstrating more or less obscure points. The seminar will definitely improve my deposition skills and cross examination and trial techniques.

Paul Campbell, 15-yr atty, 60+ adverse depositions

Excellent seminar...great speaker. Interesting videos...helped make the points which Musante was teaching.

Anonymous, 5-yr atty, 5 adverse depositions

Attention grabbing speaker.

Susan Sacchetta, 20-yr atty, "a lot" of adverse depositions

The best seminar in my 81 years.

Anonymous

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. Seminar reinforced my belief that there is no such thing as a discovery deposition...all depositions are for trial.

Robert O'Grady, 14-yr atty, 200+ adverse depositions

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. Right on the mark.

Eustace Francis, 13-yr atty, 30+ adverse depositions

In my 16 years of attending CLE seminars, this program is the best I have attended in terms of practical application. Musante has an excellent icebreaker at the beginning...appropriate comedy...complemented subject matter. Powerpoints right on point. Excellent excerpts from classic scenarios in which people become defensive in attempting to preserve their self worth/needs...everyone can relate. Analysis of how to respond as CE is brilliant...I'm not sure why I never thought of these myself.

Cynthia Bashore, 16-yr atty, 200 adverse depositions

Good seminar...excellent speaker. I am going to change to this seminar's case proposition.

G. Milner, 42-yr atty, 750+ adverse depositions

Very good seminar...I have always thought too little training is given on depositions when many of us litigators get to trial rarely. Musante is very good...engaging, challenging and thought provoking.

L.C.E., 15-yr atty, 30 adverse depositions

An informative seminar, educational, practical, while still being entertaining. Musante is gifted as a seminar speaker and teacher of concepts. Excellent selection of video, film and news clips to illustrate concepts.

Richard Curtis, 25-yr atty

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. The seminar will give me an analytical framework to prepare for and conduct depositions.

Paul Lewis, 33-yr atty, 75 adverse depos

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"Great! Adverse Depositions: Principles and Principal Techniques"

Practical content of the seminar is top quality. Techniques are offered that can be applied in civil cases from the simple slip-and-fall to anti-trust. Dynamic and persuasive speaker. Musante used effective illustrations to demonstrate his points. He may come across as too strong, for lack of a better word, for some tastes. I don't think you can leave the seminar without understanding his theory. This seminar is better than other depo seminars I have attended because it presents an approach to depositions that I knew from experience is effective in obtaining evidence for trial.

Mark Ulven, 13-yr atty, 12 adverse depos

I will never take depositions the same way again. I wish I would have taken this seminar 12 years ago. Musante is very engaging and thought-provoking. I took more from this seminar than any other I have been to.

Michael Wojuk, 18-yr atty, 100+ adverse depos

Very helpful and useful seminar. Great speaker...clear...useful repetition. Seminar is better than anything I have taken before.

Anonymous, 12-yr atty, 80-100 adverse depos

Strong practical content, particularly in the written materials. Best seminar I've been to.

David Barnard, 10-yr atty, 40+ adverse depos

Very helpful seminar because it addressed tactics that I never have seen in others CLEs. Good instructor in that he keeps audience engaged and interested.

Anonymous, 7-yr atty, 10 adverse depos

A very interesting seminar...provided a new method to evaluate trial counsel. Musante loves his work.

Thomas Trempus, 28-yr atty, 0 adverse depositions

I regret I was not exposed to your approach in 1993! Musante was prepared, informed, committed and passionate...qualities lacking in the majority of CLE classes, let alone law school classrooms. Hands down, best seminar I've attended. I was a state and federal prosecutor for 13 years...never too late to learn and improve. It's a shame the theoretical horses at your local law schools have failed to grasp the wisdom in joining your efforts to "educate" their students. God forbid they permit you to teach something both practical and useful.

Anonymous, 18-yr atty, 50 adverse depositions

Easy to be attentive to the speaker. Great presentation skills. One of the best seminars...kept my attention. Great delivery.

Mary Ann Greenawalt, 1 adverse deposition

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. Superior seminar.

Anonymous, 38-yr atty, 500-600 adverse depositions

Excellent seminar...wish I had this in law school. Good speaker.

Henry Sollenberger, 2-yr atty, 3 adverse depositions

Very good seminar...practical and different. Good speaker. Seminar is comparable to some of the best.

Anonymous, 27-yr atty, 100+ adverse depositions

Helpful seminar--completely turns on its face what we've always been told about how to take a deposition...very enlightening. Good speaker.

Anonymous

A comprehensive and instructional seminar...content was easy to follow and understand.

Matt Dolfi, 1-yr atty, 2 adverse depositions

"The 25 Credibility Arguments for Deposition and Trial"

Excellent seminar...nuts and bolts with real court experiences...challenges us to take to the next level. Walked away with some great practical points. I will be referring to the written materials in preparing for all future trial depositions! I will take any course on any subject presented by Musante! Loved the video clips...far more effective than the typical canned vignettes we are often served.

Erin Miller Sherwood, 13-yr atty, countless adverse depositions

Extremely practical seminar...can't wait to put it to use. Musante is excellent...very engaging.  
J.B., 7-yr atty, 20 adverse depositions

A very useful seminar for any litigator. Musante is great...he kept me completely engaged the whole time.

Anonymous, 9-yr atty, 60-80 adverse depositions

Very useful seminar for my work...I do medical negligence and nursing home negligence work. Musante is excellent--good use of Powerpoints and great pacing. Looking forward to studying the materials and notes.

Anonymous, 7-yr atty, 50+ adverse depositions

Excellent seminar...combining the thought process of logical inconsistencies and keeping an objective in mind is very challenging. These materials should be reviewed constantly until they are instinctive. Musante's examples are effective...his moving back and forth with the principles was well done.

Dorothy Raizman, 27-yr atty, 100+ adverse depositions

Excellent seminar...the principles set forth by Musante are applicable to any deposition. Excellent speaker...Musante knows his material and he knows the subject matter. Real life examples from high-profile sources showed active, practical use of axioms.

Terry Schrock, 5-yr atty, 100+ adverse depositions

Excellent seminar...I can and will use this information in all depositions. Outstanding speaker...very energetic. The day was over in the blink of an eye.

Eric Randolph, 5-yr atty, 50 adverse depositions

The principles seem easier to apply/use than those in other cross-examination seminars I have attended. I really appreciate the use of real cases/transcripts--the speaker has a lot of information.

Dan Sinclair, 13-yr atty, 1,500 adverse depositions

Very practical seminar...it broadens the scope of "credibility" into a number of non-obvious categories. The videos added life to the teaching points.

J.K., 16-yr atty, 100 adverse depositions

A+ seminar...A+ speaker. Great video clips!  
Anonymous, 27-yr atty, 100+ adverse depos

Very practical seminar...useful information. Vignettes provide good illustration of points. Musante has good presentation skills and interaction with attendees. Clear outline and development of material.  
Anonymous

This is the most practical and instructive seminar I have attended! As a partner in a large law firm, few of the cases I was involved with resulted in a trial. However, depositions are a huge part of my practice. Many trial technique seminars ignore depositions. Excellent speaker--fast paced...program gets your attention and holds it. Great use of video clips and excerpts to illustrate morning's subject matter. Clips were used well...I liked the consistent use of clips throughout all the material. What I learned today has changed the way I look at depositions of adverse witnesses and will help me test their credibility in depositions and undermine their credibility at trial.  
Jennifer Wilson Hewitt, 21-yr atty, "too many to count" adverse depos

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. This seminar will clearly improve my skills.  
Mark Grace, 10-yr atty, 100 adverse depos

Very helpful seminar...excellent speaker. Great illustrative techniques. The videos hammered home the points of the narrative...great clips.  
Anonymous, 15-yr atty, 50+ adverse depos

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

Excellent seminar. Informative and entertaining. Seminar has provided a structure/concept that I did not possess before today.  
Bill Fairall, 2 expert depos

Very useful seminar in exposing double standard testimony and how to use it. Musante is very engaging and informative.  
Thomas Wimmer, 75-100 expert depos

Very useful seminar...subject matter needs more time to digest. Seminar gave me logical structural basis for cross-exam. Great use of expert to avoid/waste of time.  
John Kelsey, dozens of expert depos

Well-organized seminar which will be helpful in present cases. Very good speaker.  
Anonymous

In order to put this into practice, I need to practice it. Excellent speaker.  
Anonymous, 15-25 expert depositions

Good seminar. I've been to Posen/Dodd's; this course is a good addition to it.  
Anonymous

Very practical and useful seminar. Musante is interesting, energetic. Good examples/supporting material. Best seminar I've had.  
Anonymous, 20 expert depositions

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

Excellent seminar...organizes thought processes used in cross-examination. Allows one to compare what he/she currently uses but has not committed to writing/diagram to methodology presented in seminar. Excellent seminar...informative and entertaining. Seminar superior to others. Does not claim to give concrete rules/answers, but provides blueprint for analyzing how or what avenues of CE to take. Seminar will compel me to examine my methodology in cross-examination and my preparation of my experts and re-think same.  
Nicholas Pinto, 200-300 expert depositions

Excellent, well-thought out seminar. Excellent seminar...kept audience's attention. Good mixture of fundamentals and examples. Best seminar yet.  
Robert M. John, 15 expert depositions

Excellent teacher, infusing humor into the seminar together with concrete and relevant examples to keep the material interesting and lively. Seminar better than most. I generally try to take one or two pieces of information from every seminar to actually use...I have far more after attending this seminar. This seminar has given me tools to attack experts in any situation...it was exactly what I was looking for.  
Bill Adams, 10+ expert depositions

Excellent seminar...very good speaker...plenty of energy.  
Reed Haywood, 50 expert depositions

Very good seminar...will look for Musante for future seminars. Excellent speaker...the OJ trial analysis was helpful and interesting.  
Paul Jenkins, 0 expert depositions

Excellent seminar. The systematic, structured approach and lessons in how to demystify the expert in "cloak of expertise" are incredibly useful for trial work. Excellent speaker. Seminar by far the best.

Judith Gran, 150-200 expert depos

Never thought I'd be excited to CE and AE! Wonderful instructor...energetic and interesting.

Laura Mercuri, 0 expert depos

Excellent practical application of content is most important element of CE to me. Seminar being interesting--not boring--is second most important. My expectations in these regards were exceeded. An excellent teacher (sincerely).

Margaret, 15 expert depos

Excellent food for thought. Engaging and energetic teacher. Seminar far superior to others.

Douglas Ress, 30 expert depos

Outstanding seminar...brought rigor to all too often instinctive subject. Outstanding speaker.

Anonymous, 15 expert depos

Excellent seminar...logical, step-by-step approach to types of cross-exam. Entertaining speaker. Very useful seminar...I have attended other seminars by Musante and always come away with a few new insights.

Neil Witkes, 10+ expert depos

Very good seminar...intellectually challenging. Musante is very good...energy and enthusiasm. The logic approach is different...valuable. I will apply the logic to my crosses at trial, although cautiously.

Andy Briggs

An interesting and thought provoking seminar...novel approach. Excellent speaker, excellent visual presentation.

Mariellen Bello, 0 expert depos

Excellent presentation of valuable information. Superior speaker. Seminar has a higher value than others.

Anonymous, 120+ expert depos

Very good seminar. I am an insurance expert witness...will help me test and defend my opinions. Musante is very good...his introduction of subject matter, he returns to various subjects, great examples. The seminar will help me test, prepare, prepare to defend, and defend my opinion.

Anonymous, 0 expert depos

Very practical material, demonstrated well and in detail. Includes a good reminder of the importance of hearing the witness, to make sure that the witness has not rewritten the question before answering it. This seminar is far superior to others...most mere generalities that are essentially common sense. Musante has really thought about this.

Ron V., 5 expert depos

The seminar provides a superb, logical matrix for challenging the foundation behind and the ultimate opinion rendered by the opposition's expert. Musante is a superb communicator and gifted teacher. This seminar is the most comprehensive, analytical approach to handling experts that I have ever attended. Adverse expert depositions should be significantly easier utilizing and applying the construct/formula. Excellent use of videotape to highlight the application of the formula/construct regarding attacking the adverse expert.

Richard Curtis

I found the material extremely useful as an analytical tool to approach the development of questions. Musante cares about the subject and is enthusiastic about communicating the ideas.

Anonymous, 25 expert depos

Well conceived seminar and well presented. Visual aids are stimulating and forcefully integrated. Musante is one of the best speakers I have experienced of scores attended.

Kenneth Richmond, 75-100 expert depos

Very good seminar...unusual because it needs study afterwards to pull together extremely well. Very good speaker. Seminar more conceptually dense because more systematic. The logic is sound. Aristotle would be proud.

John McKelligott, 25 expert depos

Terrific seminar...terrific speaker. Seminar is right at the top.

Doug Wright, 10 expert depos

This seminar is a must for any trial attorney. Musante is outstanding...even if suffering from a crowd-lacking energy.

Anonymous, 0 expert depositions

The exercise was useful in that the seminar demonstrated a practical analytical structure to use in any expert cross-examination. Very good speaker.

Eric Purchase, 100 expert depositions

Good seminar...excellent speaker. The best seminar.

George Milner

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

Excellent guidance in approach to formulating effective cross-examination of the expert. Top-notch speaker...witty delivery leaves impression that makes learning enjoyable. The Powerpoint is very effective and illuminates every lecture point.

Kristiin Banasick, 25+ expert depositions

Practical content is superb. I expect to apply the practical content immediately and frequently. Superb speaker. I appreciate the entertaining manner that the valuable, well-organized information was presented. This is the most valuable cross-examination seminar that I have attended. I expect that my cross-examination will improve significantly. Dr. Baden's testimony was effectively used to illustrate how to attack an expert--either civil or criminal.

Anonymous, 10+ expert depositions

I found the info to be extremely helpful as it helped to solidify some basic concepts I have picked up along the way. It also built upon those and provided more advanced ways of approaching this particular trial skill. Excellent speaker...he was very entertaining and held my attention the entire time.

Anonymous, 10 expert depositions

Good seminar...attacking the assumptions is hardly novel, but breaking down the types of premises in the manner here is a good expansion of that rule. Very good speaker. This seminar will refute the way I think about preparation, and it's reinforced some important lessons about listening to direct, rather than over-rely upon reports and depositions.

Anonymous, 5 expert depositions

Exceptional speaker...riveting. High value seminar.

Anonymous, 10 expert depositions

Seminar thoughtful and practical...it demonstrates there is more science to cross than typically believed. Excellent speaker. Seminar has much higher level of analysis and is much more valuable at offering real world trial tips.  
Anonymous, dozens of expert depositions

The value of the seminar seems to lie in its broad conceptual applicability. The speaker doesn't give us a list of questions, but provides a deeper, and more useful, intellectual approach to the task of cross-examination. Musante has a very solid and dynamic approach...well structured and engaging. I think my own abilities will be improved as a result of this seminar, and that says more about this one than most seminars I've attended. Musante is an excellent teacher. This has been among the more valuable seminars I've attended.  
Paul Grater, many expert depositions

Useful for formulating questions for adverse experts...useful for identifying weaknesses in expert opinions. Musante keeps interest of participant in subject.  
Anonymous, 40-50 expert depositions

The seminar applies to all depositions...great speaker!  
Lotta Crabtree

Good practical content, very useful material. Musante has a good presentation style, "real world" examples, illustrations...holds interest.  
Ross Bash, 10 expert depositions

Very informative seminar...well reasoned and well taught. Excellent speaker. This seminar is the best seminar by far. I will be better organized, better prepared, less intimidated and more capable to competently cross examine the opposing expert and critically evaluate my expert.  
James Fryling, 75 expert depositions

Very useful seminar...very good speaker. I believe that I learned better techniques in this seminar that I can use in the future.  
Anonymous, 100+ expert depositions

Excellent seminar...explanation of principles allows application to different types of cases. Excellent speaker...well broken down and explained...visual aids very helpful.  
William Otto, 0 expert depositions

This seminar will be of use on a daily basis. Excellent speaker. Kept my interest for six hours.  
Gary Graminski, 6 expert depositions

It's useful as a tool to understand construction of opinions, and in structuring cross-exam and argument to court. Excellent speaker. Seminar better than most.  
Paul Mayer, 100 expert depositions

## TENNESSEE

Comments from [Memphis](#) 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 ... the material encapsulates a procedure which is repeatable and will allow me to ferret out information. Musante's rapid-fire presentation leaves no room for non-relevant questions ... very entertaining.  
Don Trimble, 11-yr atty, 50 depositions

Musante is one of the better teachers I have had...he's energetic, knowledgeable, interesting and informative. I believe the content of his seminar is extremely practical and will prove to be an effective "how-to" resource as I outline and plan for future depositions.  
Alison Ryan, 2-yr atty, 2 depositions

Musante's seminar is much more practical and useful than most CLE seminars I have attended. Very relevant and illustrative examples. Liked the straightforwardness and "no BS" language. Loved the video clips.  
Ann Costello, 15-yr atty, 3 depositions

Excellent presentation ... useful content. One of the best seminars I've attended ... outstanding teacher ... great seminar.  
Joe Welborn, 12-yr atty, 50+ depositions

A wonderful and insightful seminar ... a brilliant teacher.  
C.D. Nolan, 15-yr atty, 200 depositions

My head is spinning! Musante is very entertaining ... I haven't paid this much attention in a seminar of this length in a while.  
Anonymous, 13-yr atty, 20 depositions

This seminar will help me to formulate a plan and anticipate effectively the course and conduct of a deposition. Musante is very good, kept the course moving, generated interest and thought by use of real cases.

Joseph Fernald, 15-yr atty

Good information; excellent instructor. Will hopefully help the quality of my adverse depositions a great deal.

Matt Harris, 3-yr atty, 25 adverse depositions

Entertaining and informative. Better than other full-day litigation seminars.

Edwin Rawson, 1-yr atty

Highly and immediately useful. Musante is very effective; concrete and informative examples. It should improve my depositions a great deal by treating them as trial testimony/prep in all cases.

Mark D. Griffin, 5-yr atty, 75 adverse depositions

Excellent practical content. Will definitely improve my adverse depositions.

Vicki S. Wood, 10-yr atty

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. Superior compared to other full-day litigation seminars. Rules superior to mine. The improvement will be substantial.

Silas H. Brewer, Jr., 35-yr atty, 30-50 adverse depositions

Great seminar. A unique and compelling approach to depositions. Thought the content was very useful and practical for anyone taking depositions. Interesting teacher and content held my attention more than any seminar I have attended recently.

Heather Fletcher, 7-yr atty, 5 adverse depositions

Very enjoyable, especially the use of leading questions. Musante is very good and interesting.

Anonymous, 15-yr atty, 40 adverse depositions

Very useful and extremely practical. Musante knows his stuff and conveys that knowledge clearly and concisely. Much better than the few others I've attended.

Paul Billings, 18-yr atty, 30+ adverse depositions

Best CLE I have ever attended. A refreshing and new and great approach ... this course has changed my whole attitude.

Anonymous, 3-yr atty, 30 adverse depositions

Excellent practical content. I can use what I learned. Musante is excellent; held my attention while teaching. Better and more interesting than most.  
Joseph M. Clark, 5-yr atty, 75 adverse depositions

Excellent use of examples to illustrate propositions. Musante is clear and animated and moves quickly. This is a much more complete set of rules.  
Marc Sorin, 11-yr atty, 50 adverse depositions

Thoroughly enjoyed the presentation and the information. Musante is excellent.  
Sherri M. Flowers, 6-yr atty, 20 adverse depositions

Best depo seminar I've attended. Musante is excellent, lively, well-organized, provocative.  
Anonymous

Excellent - good examples and useful tips. Musante is excellent, entertaining and informative.  
Anonymous, 5-yr atty

The content changed my conception of how to properly conduct an adverse deposition. I will now view the adverse deposition as if it were a cross-examination at trial.  
David A. Billions, 2.5-yr atty, 50 adverse depositions

Provided great tips for young litigators to use in developing deposition skills. Much better than other full-day litigation seminars.  
Anonymous, 3-yr atty, 5 adverse depositions

Robert approaches this issue with the passion and persuasiveness of an evangelist. He is explaining the lessons that my elder partners have learned over 50 years of practice in a way that explains the logic behind their years of successful experience.  
James R. Newsom, III, 23-yr atty, 50+ adverse depositions

Excellent program overall. Will be extremely helpful.  
Grady Agee, 50-yr atty (10 in litigation)

Excellent practical content. Kept me awake, entertaining and educational.  
Peggy A. Jones, 33-yr atty, 100 adverse depositions

Great practical application in an area that affects every case. This seminar sets specific goals to achieve in an adverse depo and what to do with the information once obtained.

B. Bronson Tabler, 4-yr atty, 50 adverse depositions

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

Musante is excellent: entertaining, informative and insightful. I will be changing the way I do depositions and trial preparation. Much more practical and entertaining than others; really kept my attention.

Bill Marett, 23-yr atty, 100s of adverse depositions

An excellent basic deposition primer. Mr. Musante is an excellent teacher, probably because he is/was a trial practitioner, not just an academic. More comprehensive, in-depth, broader with useful examples of practical application.

Phyllis Childs, 20-yr atty, 80-100 adverse depositions

Very insightful and creative; takes a very different approach. Excellent instructor. Got me to think less "typically."

Vic Domen, 3-yr atty, 20 adverse depositions

Consistently provocative. It's the first time [I've attended] major training on depositions; has convinced me of the need to alter my approach to deposition preparation.

Rich Haglund, 2 adverse depositions

Great! I will definitely consult these materials before taking another deposition.

Jon Wike, 4-yr atty

Theoretical content very good. Musante is both compelling and entertaining. Far more entertaining than other full-day litigation seminars. Will improve the quality of my adverse depositions a great deal.

Gary Hotvedt, 1 1/2-yr atty, 3 adverse depositions

Much more persuasive and comprehensive than other full-day litigation seminars. I will [now] be much better, my depo much improved.

Warren Jasper, 9-yr atty, 20+ adverse depositions

Very helpful in formulating deposition questions. Musante is very effective, informative, even entertaining.

Mary Ellen Knack, 3-yr atty, 6 adverse depos

Very helpful as a new attorney. A lot of things I had questions about were addressed. Musante was very capable, clear and logical.

Tiffany Baker Cox, 1-yr atty, 10 adverse depos

Excellent. Challenges most of what I've learned. More thought-provoking than other full-day litigation seminars.

Daniel Champrey, 4-yr atty, 24 adverse depos

Very helpful. Great illustrative examples. Very helpful in thinking about overall use and how depos fit into the big picture.

Elizabeth Driver, 4-yr atty, 3 adverse depos

This seminar should be called, "Take a KILLER Cross-Examination at Deposition." Will make me even more aware of the need to properly nail down responses in the record. The examples shown have made me more aware of the ways that a witness can qualify answers with adverbs or can change my questions.

Wyla M. Posey, 4-yr atty, 10 adverse depos

Excellent and informative information. Great instructor; subject matter was interesting and very easy to understand.

Renee Turner, 14-yr atty, 2 adverse depos

Superior practical content; superior instructor. Better than most others because my attention level stayed high. Excellent integration of examples, videos, etc. Provided me with a good framework to prepare better for taking adverse depositions.

Genie Whitesell

Up there with the big and best ones. Excellent practical content; excellent instructor.

Martha S. Davis, 10+-yr atty, 30 adverse depos

Very helpful. A simple, yet powerful, message. I will be more aware of "crap" and less afraid to confront adverse witness with material at deposition.

Dawn Jordan, 14-yr atty, 50 adverse depos

Truly the best I've attended in years. Will greatly enhance the quality of depositions that I take.  
Excellent instructor.  
Anonymous, 5-yr atty

Best full-day CLE I have ever attended. Absolutely stellar.  
Anonymous, 9-yr atty

One of the best. This seminar has turned on its head what I have previously been taught about taking depositions and has been extremely eye-opening and useful. Outstanding instructor. "Stupid orthodoxy" alone was worth the price of admission.  
Robert O'Connell, 15-yr atty, "dozens" of adverse depositions, Nashville

Enormously practical. Great instructor. Every other deposition instruction I've been to is b.s.  
Bryan Foriest, Nashville

Great seminar. Far more interesting and useful than most legal seminars. Musante does a great job.  
Kendra Samson, 6-yr atty, 15 adverse depositions, Nashville

Excellent practical content. Better than most litigation seminars. Will improve the quality of my adverse depositions immeasurably.  
Robert Weismueller, 32-yr atty, 100+ adverse depositions, Nashville

Very good practical content; very good instructor. Superior compared to other full-day litigation seminars. Gives me a broader perspective.  
Randall A. Ratliff, Jr., 3-yr atty, 3 adverse depositions, Lexington, KY

This seminar will provide me the tools that, given some proper application, will dramatically improve my deposition-taking; and more importantly, the level of service I give to my clients.  
Bruce Balcom, 7-yr atty, Nashville

Easily the most thought-provoking seminar on litigation technique I've ever attended. Excellent, thought-provoking material. Musante challenges credibly, long-held and accepted notions of effective advocacy. He is very effective.  
Steven D. Parman, 17-yr atty, 300 adverse depositions, Watkins, McGugin, McNeilly & Rowan, Nashville

Extremely useful. Musante is very capable ... knows his material and conveys it in an interesting way. This program is as good or better than other full-day seminars presented by other out-of-state presenters brought to Nashville by the NITA.

Ken Jones, 23-yr atty, 150+ adverse depos, The Jones Law Firm, Nashville

Excellent practical content. Musante is interesting and informative; kept my attention. Will make me much more effective as opposed to stumbling around in the dark, hoping for the best.

Desiree Hill, 1.5-yr atty, 8 adverse depos, Levine, Mattson, Orr & Geraciotti, Nashville

Words mean something. Thank you [Musante] for reminding me. Everyone can take something away ... I found nothing to disagree with.

Steve Anderson, Nashville

Effective, engaging. Subject and tools were very interesting and have kept my attention. I will definitely have more confidence in my adverse depos, and I feel like I at least have a few principal rules I can rely on. I needed them!

Blair Beasley, 3-yr atty, 1 adverse depo, Nashville

Excellent practical content; very good instructor.

Brian Cummings, 5-yr atty, 35-45 adverse depos, Nashville

Very high value to practical content. Musante's teaching ability very high; separates the wheat from the chaff.

Marshall Snyder, 15-yr atty, 20 adverse depos, Nashville

Very useful. Forces one to rethink approach to depositions and discovery. Musante is a very effective teacher. He sometimes goes a bit fast, but only because he has a lot of material.

Grant Glassford, 18-yr atty, 75+ adverse depos, Stokes, Bartholomew, Evans & Petree, Nashville

Excellent instructor. Very interesting to learn of a systematic, logical (Jesuit) approach to setting up the deposition. Better than other classes I've had on the subject. The idea of presenting the impeachment information rather than saving it is a great insight.

Christopher Booth, 3-yr atty, 5 adverse depos, Neal & Harwell, Nashville

Very useful; a fresh take on often stale material. One of the better seminars I've attended.

Brant Phillips, 6-yr atty, 10-20 adverse depos, Bass, Berry & Sims, Nashville

Very informative and thought-provoking. Musante uses a very common sense approach to deposition taking that is probably too often overlooked. Will certainly make me take a closer look at my own deposition taking techniques.

Robyn Williams, 4-yr atty, 30 adverse depositions, Nashville

More interesting, more informative, very much more practical than other full-day litigation seminars. Excellent instructor.

Terry Ricks, 7-yr atty, "many" adverse depositions, Farrar & Bates, Nashville

Excellent practical content; something I can –and will!– put to use immediately. Musante is excellent! Keeps the pace moving, great examples, great practical information. Much more useful than any I've attended. It all makes so much sense! I can't wait to use these techniques! I expect it to improve the quality of my adverse depositions dramatically!

Sally Ramsey, 7-yr atty, 10 adverse depositions, US Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Nashville

Informative. Useful. Can't wait to take another deposition having now been armed with these new skills. Musante is effective and entertaining. Hammers home obvious points without making audience feel inexperienced. More energizing than other full-day litigation seminars.

Mark Stamelos, 3-yr atty, 10-12 adverse depositions, Nashville

Best CLE program I've attended. Very practical approach. I have learned a number of pragmatic techniques and strategies. Musante is outstanding. Keeps your attention focused.

Stanley P. Nuehring, 4 1/2-yr atty, Nashville

This is the best CLE to which I've been. Excellent practical content; excellent instructor.

John Hennessey, 3-yr atty, Nashville

The best -- very engaging -- virtually no one left. Excellent practical content. Top flight instructor.

D. Kirk Shaffer, 24-yr atty, 150 adverse depositions, Nashville

Way above average. Excellent practical content; excellent instructor.

Alex Fardon, 14-yr atty, 125 adverse depositions, Harwell, Howard, Hyne, Gabbert & Manner, PC, Nashville

Very practically applicable for lawyers not just in the deposition itself, but also in the pre-deposition phase. Musante is insightful, engaging, honest and entertaining. Very good. Bound to greatly improve the quality of my adverse depositions.

Paul J. Campbell, II, 1-yr atty, 1 adverse depo, Nashville

Much better (than others) and entertaining as well as informative. Musante is very poised in front of a room full of litigators. He is funny and has great use of PowerPoint. It all makes very good sense to me. I was stupidly following the four wrong rules ... thanks (Musante) for setting me on the straight and narrow.

Margaret O. Darby, 3-yr atty, 5 adverse depos, Nashville

Helpful in focusing on certain principles that are not taught in law school or by the practice of law. Instructor had a strong ability to keep your attention.

April Nix, 2.5-yr atty, 3 adverse depos, Michael D. Ponce & Assoc., Goodlettsville

Very helpful practical content. Musante is outstanding. Can't wait to try this out.

Cindy Gardner, Nashville

Excellent. Very useful. Best instructor to date. Kept my attention throughout entire seminar. After many years of taking adverse depos, I have to admit based on seminar today, they were no doubt mediocre at best.

Warren M. Smith, 20-yr atty, 1,000+ adverse depos, Glasgow & Veasey, Nashville

Best ever ... and very entertaining. First-rate instructor.

Mary Schaffner, 25+-yr atty, 350+ adverse depos, Howell & Fisher, PLLC, Nashville

Good and useful! Musante ... what a personality! Irish-Italian works well together!

Angela Bonovich, 10-yr atty, 50 adverse depos, Nashville

Excellent practical content. Musante is outstanding ... gifted teacher and motivator.

George R. Fusner, 26-yr atty, 100s of adverse depos, Nashville

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. Better than other full-day litigation seminars.

Robert Fellman, 5-yr atty, 3 adverse depos, Nashville

Excellent practical suggestions on pinning down the adverse deponent. Engaging instructor; holds my interest; credible. Refreshingly interesting.

Patricia Snyder, 3-yr atty, Rubenfeld & Assoc., Nashville

Very helpful and very different than what I was taught by lawyers at large corporate law firms. Much more useful and engaging than other litigation seminars. Musante is wonderful.  
Anonymous, 6-yr atty, 10 adverse depositions, Nashville

One of the best. Excellent practical content; excellent instructor.  
Anonymous, Nashville

Very practical. Met my high expectations. Musante is excellent. Forced me to think about depositions in a way I had not previously considered.  
Anonymous, 2-yr atty, 5 adverse depositions, Nashville

I believe Musante's ideas on adverse depositions are good and thought-provoking and I will use them in future depositions. Kept my attention.  
Anonymous, 12-yr atty, 100s of adverse depositions, Nashville

Excellent. The power points along with his instruction were very informative and interesting. Mr. Musante can hold my attention for 6.5 hours ... very impressive.  
Anonymous, Nashville

Much better than most. Very good practical content; very good instructor.  
Anonymous, 7-yr atty, 40-50 adverse depositions, Nashville

Very applicable. Will encourage me to prepare more diligently and critically.  
Anonymous

Very strong presentation that challenges me to re-examine my approach and preparation for deposition. Excellent instructor. Will significantly improve the quality of my adverse depositions.  
Anonymous, 25-yr atty, 40 adverse depositions, Nashville

Better than all others. Very helpful. Excellent instructor.  
Anonymous, 4.5-yr atty, 5-10 adverse depositions, Nashville

Excellent practical content; Musante is very talented. Enjoyed the energy, pace, focus and humor. Examples from real world were entertaining and educational. This seminar is much better than others.  
Anonymous, 20-yr atty, 200 adverse depositions, Nashville

Very helpful practical content. Musante is excellent. Significantly more coherent than other full-day litigation seminars.

Anonymous, 10-yr atty, Nashville

As good as any I've attended. Things I can use, makes me think about mistakes I have made, and much of what Musante teaches rings true from witnesses I have deposed. He has given much thought to the subject.

Anonymous, Nashville

Informative and useful. Musante is knowledgeable, practically experienced in the subject matter, keeps things interesting and relevant with real world examples.

Anonymous, 12-yr atty, 20 adverse depos, Nashville

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

This seminar is better than most. Musante makes a compelling argument.

Michael Crawford, 25 expert depos

This seminar is very practical...techniques are universally applicable. Musante is entertaining, interactive, and very informative. The quality of my expert depos will improve my depo taking skills in both adverse witness and expert depos.

B. Branson Tabler, 40 expert depos

Excellent seminar...excellent teacher. This seminar has provided me with a "scientific" approach for preparing for and taking the deposition of an expert.

Molly R. Cripps, 25 expert depos

Great seminar! I'll be able to use this immediately! This seminar is superior to other courses I've taken regarding expert depositions.

Ottawa E. Carter, Jr., 20 expert depos

Extremely practical seminar...maintains its narrow (and useful) focus. Musante's great. This seminar will make me listen and analyze expert testimony in a structural fashion.

Harold Simpson, 10 expert depos

This seminar was more valuable than others...more functional, not anecdotal. Excellent instructor.

William D. Treeby, 200+ expert depos

Very good seminar. Real-life examples are quite effective. Musante's excellent.  
Anonymous, 10 expert depositions

Great practical content; great instructor. This was the best.  
Robert Wampler, 40-yr attorney, Wampler & Pierce, PC

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor.  
Matt Harris, 3 expert depositions

Good practical content; excellent instructor. My expert depositions in the future will be more extensive.  
Warner Hodges, III, 30-yr attorney

Foundational, not anecdotal, therefore more valuable. Musante is excellent.  
William D. Treeby, 200 expert depositions

Excellent practical content. Very practical and useful.  
Bill Walker, 100 expert depositions

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. Better, more practical than others.  
Anonymous, 3 expert depositions

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

Good practical content; excellent instructor.  
Cynthia Padock, 25 expert depositions

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. Will improve the quality of my adverse expert depositions significantly.  
Vince Williams, 100 expert depositions

Very practical and useful. Excellent instructor.  
George H. Coffin

Outstanding practical content; excellent instructor.  
Ellen Pollach, 18 expert depositions

Very practical. Will improve my ability to a high degree.  
Jennifer Brenner

The approach discussed can be used effectively to depose or cross-examine experts. Am convinced that this [expert chart] is a good model to be applied.  
Joe Shirley

Helpful! Excellent instructor. I'm convinced!  
Anonymous, 75 expert depositions

Practical content good; excellent instructor.  
Anonymous

Very practical ... the state spent its money well. I would recommend this and Musante's "Adverse" seminar to my fellow barristers.  
Anonymous

Far superior to other "expert" deposition seminars. Will improve the quality of my expert depositions immensely.  
Anonymous

Real-world advice that can be used immediately. Musante is excellent; a good communicator. Will help my depositions tremendously. What I did instinctively, not always effectively, and to a much less extent than explained here, will be enhanced by this seminar. Where was Musante when I started practicing law??  
Anonymous, 10 expert depositions

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor.  
Teresa R. Ricks, 40+ expert depositions

Excellent, thoughtful, insightful and practical. Should help to sharpen the focus of the questions, and enhance my listening skills.  
Anthony J. McFarland, 15-25 expert depositions, Bass, Berry & Sims

Excellent. Will be very useful in my practice. Musante is well-prepared, interesting and very knowledgeable. Great graphics. Far better seminar than others. Will no longer feel I am at the mercy of the expert.

Lawrence H. Hart, 30-40 expert depositions

Great! Very entertaining and full of useful information. I have not taken an expert deposition yet, but I now feel prepared to do so.

Mary Beth Thomas

Value of practical content is HUGE. The only problem is the sheer volume of complexity of the material. A lot to absorb! Musante is superb. The underlying logic and assumptions are easy to understand.

Anonymous, 30-50 expert depositions

Excellent teacher; enthusiastic presentation.

Anonymous

Relevant and helpful, well-organized and crafted. Musante is excellent. His claim was proven.

Anonymous

An excellent CLE ... very helpful. Mr. Musante did an excellent job. He was well-versed and answered all questions well. Will improve my expert depositions a whole lot.

Anonymous, 5 expert depositions

Great practical content; great instructor.

Anonymous

## TEXAS

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

This seminar had far more valuable information related to actual practice of actual law. This was extremely practical. The emphasis on obtaining factual testimony is almost unique. The way Musante used excerpts of testimony from recent notable trials hammered home his message. I used to be an administrative law judge, which meant I reviewed LOTS of transcripts of testimony for the purpose of making findings of fact. If 1/10 of the lawyers who produced that testimony had taken this class, my job would have been much easier, and that 1/10 would have won.

Karen Cox, 7-yr attorney, 3 adverse depositions

As we all know, most CLE is worthless, at best legislative updates; at worst, repetitive clichés. This was extremely useful; will be used next week.  
James R. Young, 18 yr atty, 10-12 adverse depositions

Excellent seminar...nice combination of course materials and practical applications. The use of actual testimony from trials greatly enhanced and aided the learning experience. Excellent speaker...practical examples that speak to all experience levels and should provide everyone with useful tools to improve or enhance deposition-taking ability.  
Jerry Clark, 13-yr atty, 75 adverse depositions

Extremely good seminar...technique-oriented. Not the typically abstract CLE. Love the Powerpoint! Very good speaker...communicates well, keeps interest (usually I doze off after a couple hours...not this one). This seminar is completely different than others--this is practical how to practice. This seminar will definitely change how I approach getting certain information.  
Doran Peters, 5-yr atty, 15 adverse depositions

The importance of the content of this seminar cannot be overstated. Excellent speaker. This seminar is intense...more useful content per minute than other seminars.  
Preston Henrichson, 32-yr atty, "too many" adverse depositions

Outstanding speaker! This seminar goes to the heart of my practice as a litigator. This seminar is light years ahead of others.  
Judith Taylor, 21-yr atty, 200 adverse depositions

Most applicable and useful tips and strategies of any CLE course I have ever attended. Musante is great...funny and effective in relaying information and keeping the audience's attention. Best seminar I've attended...should be required of all litigators.  
Edward Allred, 8-yr atty, 20 adverse depositions

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. Great examples. This is the best seminar I've attended in years.  
Ann Taylor, 20-yr atty, 100s of adverse depositions

Very useful seminar, many practical tidbits. Musante is very capable and engaging. No other seminar matches this one, other than Bryan Garner.  
Chad Van Cleave, 1-yr atty, 1 adverse deposition

Entertaining; very engaging speaker. Excellent [practical content! Excellent instructor! Helped me know what I was doing right & where to change. Loved the audiovisual aids too.

Marian Bloss, 7-yr atty, 6 adverse depositions

The seminar was more entertaining than most other CLE courses I've attended and made good use of video clips of classic TV courtroom footage. The content was informative and practical. It was also a good recharge for my motivation and desire to "come out fighting". Musante was a great oral presentation presenter. I've been using a lot of his tactics instinctively, but this reinforced my belief in my own competence and analyzed the reasons behind my instincts.

Elaine Casas, 6-yr atty, 80+ adverse depositions

This seminar didn't have too much written material. It was practical info set out in a quick reference guide. Very entertaining with current examples that emphasized styles and techniques. Extremely practical. Straightforward. Musante is a good communicator with engaging sense of humor. Lively and easy to understand.

1-yr atty, 3 adverse depositions

Very valuable. Excellent practical content]. Excellent instructor.

21-yr atty, 100s of adverse depositions

At the top of the class compared to other CLEs. Focus of seminar was the practical, very useful information. Reinforced the good things I've done, emphasized where I was lacking.

Robert DeBerardine, 16-yr atty, 100s of adverse depositions

This is one of the most informative seminars for the actual practice of law on a daily basis. Excellent practical content. Excellent instructor. This set of deposition rules seem to be far superior.

6-yr atty, 10 adverse depositions

Very "nuts and bolts". Immediately applicable to everyday practice. Excellent practical content. After absorbing the content of the seminar, I can't figure out why I had such a hard time "nailing the liar" in the past. Musante's presentation was very thorough and effectively conveyed.

3-yr atty, 75+ adverse depositions

I thought this CLE was one of the best I've attended. The content of this course to be helpful and instructive -- something I will incorporate into my personal practice of law. The instructor's teaching ability far surpassed many instructors I have witnessed in that he supports his theories/rules with realistic examples. These [set of deposition rules] provide a great foundation from which I can build upon.

Kristen Worman, 4-yr atty

Very practical and useable. Excellent practical content. Outstanding instructor. I had no idea I had missed so many opportunities.

M. George Bailey, 19-yr atty, 100s adverse depos

I liked the program so much last year I signed up again this year. Either it's a great program or I'm a slow learner... And I'll probably be back next year. [Musante] is superb. He is enthusiastic, excellent use of examples from notable cases.

M. H. "Butch" Cersonsky, 19-yr atty, 50 adverse depos

This seminar is so far superior to others, there's no comparison. Very useful -- I wish I were taking a depo in a couple of weeks to put this into practice right away. Musante is exceptional. (In fact, I found myself observing the way he teaches, as teaching fascinates me as much as law ...)

Stuart Phillips, 17-yr atty, 25 adverse depos

High value to practical content. [As a prior attendee], I've attempted to put this into practice and found that it makes my motion practice and negotiations, as well as trials, work better. More entertaining and more useful than other full-day depo seminars. This has already improved my adverse depos: I've gotten over my desire to hold back the "good stuff" and started using it earlier for better advantage.

Cari Bernstein, 18-yr atty, 12 adverse depos

Great, helpful and logical.

Tracy J. Andrews, 2-yr atty

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

Raul Noriega, 36-yr atty, 250-300 adverse depos

Clear, articulate and entertaining speaker. Practical content helpful in that it challenged standard orthodoxies.

Robert J. Blech, 5-yr atty, 5 adverse depos

Most valuable of any CLE taken in the past 10 years. The interweaving of principles and real-life examples is a great way to teach. This will definitely change my approach in depositions.

Ingrid Hansen, 15-yr atty

Best I have attended. This is the second time I have seen Mr. Musante, and I would attend again. Exceptional, well-paced, good delivery, enthusiastic, informative.

David A. Talbot, 30-yr atty

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. Much better than other full-day depo seminars. Lawrence Wells, 30-yr atty, 100+ adverse depositions

Extremely helpful in helping cross-examiners get to the heart of the deposition. Musante is very engaging and energetic.. No danger of falling asleep in this class!

Dan Perkins, 9-yr atty, 150 adverse depositions

Extremely valuable. I found myself planning upcoming depositions and strategizing in preparation for them during the seminar. Musante is an extraordinary teacher. I appreciated his energy, humor, enthusiasm and perfect balance of self-confidence and self-effacement. He effectively threw out everything (well, almost everything) I thought I "knew." My instincts were better than I realized. I will definitely be a better equipped litigator. This was unquestionably the best depo course I've ever taken.

Stuart Phillips, 19-yr atty, 30 adverse depositions

Healthy balance of wisdom with examples. Every attorney (on my side) should take it in their first year of practice. My rookie common-sense approach relied too much on "orthodoxy" and the course's grant of permission to rely on logical reasoning has lifted an 800 pound gorilla from my back.

David Nancie, 1-yr atty, 1 adverse depo

Very practical. Changed the way I thought about deposition's transition from discovery to trial tool. Previous intensive litigation-skills seminars tended to focus on some old guy, telling you he's seen it all and you should do things like he's done them in the past. This seminar will make me a better lawyer. I really appreciated the lessons. I will incorporate the teaching into my practice.

Kevin Lashus

Excellent presentation. Extremely competent and effective instructor. Better content than other seminars regarding analysis to depose and better skills-improvement tools. Exceptional visual aids. I've only been given "procedural" rules in the past; these are practical gems.

Patricia Henry, 11-yr atty, 7 adverse depositions

Outstanding practical content; outstanding instructor. Much more practical than the state bar advanced civil trial courses. These rules are almost 180 degrees opposite of those I've previously employed...I'll have to try them and see if they work.

James A. Daross, 17-yr atty, 15 adverse depos

Excellent practical content. Excellent instructor. Very ingenious as compared to other litigation-skills seminars. It definitely will make me a better cross-examiner.

Daniel D. Maeso, 28-yr atty, 100 adverse depos

Excellent examples. Very engaging instructor.

Steve Toland, 1-yr atty

Excellent practical content, excellent instructor, excellent compared to other seminars. Musante is a crazed, gifted lecturer. Under no circumstances should he adjust his medication.

Jack Hohengarten, 10-yr atty, 50 adverse depos

Excellent seminar for practical content. Excellent instructor. This seminar was as good as any I've attended. Consistent with much of what I do in deposition. Wish I had learned it 20 years ago rather than perhaps 10.

Anonymous, 27-yr atty, 150+ adverse depos

Excellent seminar...the best seminar I have ever taken. Excellent speaker. Video clips made the points presented much more vivid and helpful to imprint points to memory.

M. Lawrence Wells, 30-yr atty, 30+ adverse depos

The seminar is excellent for attorneys at all levels of experience. Musante is an excellent communicator. Excellent use of video clips to make teaching points.

Phil Marrus, 30-yr atty, 100+ adverse depos

Informative, sharp, quick, to the point. Excellent speaker...doesn't waste time reading slides.

Paul Masters, 3-yr atty, 5 adverse depos

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. I attended his seminars last year and was excited to see him again.

Anonymous, 2-yr atty, 6 adverse depos

This seminar is very practical...its teachings can significantly impact an attorney's efficacy and advocacy. Musante kept my attention for the duration of the course. Mixing the rules with illustrative video clips really emphasizes the material. This seminar has given me a lot of things to think about when preparing for depositions. I have learned techniques to successfully gather the information I need.

Anonymous, 3-yr atty, 1 adverse depo

The content of this seminar seems to be very useful. The workbook will be a good tool for later use...a good refresher. Very good speaker...keeps one's attention. This seminar is very good at breaking down the rules that one needs to take a useful depo. Video clips were great...they did a great job illustrating the points and they kept our attention. This seminar will greatly improve my depo skills...I'm very glad I came.

Abigail Rushing, 1-yr atty, 0 adverse depositions

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. This seminar has provided a framework for preparing my depo questions...has helped me isolate several weaknesses in my depo practice and provided concrete action steps for handling these weaknesses. Awesome class!

Anonymous, 5-yr atty, 15-20 adverse depositions

Very good seminar...very good-excellent speaker. Best thing about the videos was not only using lawyers, but the George Will example...it just shows how important it is to use common sense logic, and not to believe only super rich lawyers can depo well.

Anonymous, 12-yr atty, 10 adverse depositions

Musante is clear, concise and logical...very entertaining. I take this course every chance I get...it's a great refresher when I need to reevaluate my deposition-taking skills.

Dan Perkins, 10-yr atty, 80-100 adverse depositions

Informative and geared at real world use. Made me really evaluate my approach to this area of practice. Musante ranks among the best I've encountered. These rules make great sense and blend nicely with my basic open file policy, which usually results in the other side working a deal; laying out impeachment material is logical next step.

Anonymous, 18-yr atty

Excellent practical content. Excellent instructor. Excellent compared to other seminars. It organized theory in a practical application that will save me time. I always go into a depo to pin my chores down so that I can stylistically make it a "whack" at trial, but the course provided me the means to make even more goof for "whack" beyond the given fact scenario.

Anonymous, 22-yr atty

Musante is very talented. I have a background in doing depositions, but I feel like I could do one and not fall flat on my face, thanks to this seminar.

Anonymous, 10-yr atty

Excellent. Better than Younger's guidelines on video. Musante is better by far than most, as is his seminar. The depo rules are not exactly like others I've seen. They will be very helpful if I can successfully apply the exceptions to the "road test the impeachment at depo" rule.  
Anonymous, 15-yr atty, 400+ adverse depositions

Very worthwhile. Excellent instructor. It will definitely make me better. This is the only instruction I've ever gotten on depositions.  
Anonymous, 2-yr atty, 2 adverse depositions

Musante did a good job of tying his points with his examples. Very helpful in a practical sense, whereas other seminars are law-driven. It gives me a new paradigm to consider in evaluating a case.  
Anonymous, 14-yr atty, 30+ adverse depositions

It was very helpful. Excellent content. Fast moving. Lots of material. Very strong positive presenter (also informed). I like it that he used many examples. The powerpoint presentation was awesome! I liked the video excerpts too. Nice sense of humor and audience interaction. This seminar has been great. Others have been good...but overall this has been exceptional. It has provided me with great tools to use.  
Anonymous, 1 1/2-yr atty

Exceptional instructor: creativity, humor, maintained energy and attention. As valuable a seminar as I've ever attended.  
Anonymous, 5-yr atty

Very helpful, engaging, and thoughtful presentation! The illustrations of concepts via video and powerpoint were great! Excellent instructor. This seminar is better than majority of state bar CLEs. Helps the organization of thoughts for depo preparation, assists in strategy and uses techniques to help plan presentation of key trial elements of proof.  
Anonymous, 3-yr atty, 50 adverse depositions

Very good for adverse deponent. Very good instructor, exceptionally lively and interesting. Great examples. I haven't had a chance to depose people stretching the truth, but I feel well-advised as to how to proceed now.  
Anonymous, 5-yr atty, 10 adverse depositions

Solid and instructive. Musante was excellent. Powerpoints really conveyed his message well.. Near the top compared to other similar seminars.  
Anonymous

"The 25 Credibility Arguments for Deposition and Trial"

Excellent seminar. Musante is my favorite speaker of all seminars. This seminar is far more entertaining while being educational and applicable.

Karen Matlock, 18-yr atty, 130 adverse depositions

Excellent seminar...makes me wish I were going right out to take a deposition. I've never heard a more engrossing, animated, logical and informative speaker and teacher [than Musante]. Superior seminar to others. Superb video clips. Musante is so entertaining...I'd attend any seminar he offered.

Stuart Phillips, 21-yr atty, 50 adverse depositions

Excellent seminar...pretty good speaker for a Northern Californian. This seminar compares to other Musante seminars...all of which were excellent.

Phil Marrus, 30-yr atty, 100+ adverse depositions

Great seminar...excellent speaker. Video clips provided excellent examples of principles being taught.

Ana Jordan, 10-yr atty, 100 adverse depositions

Practical content of seminar = 10 on a scale of 10. Musante is very good. This seminar is much more entertaining than most. Video clips very helpful...particularly since these are cases/hearings we are familiar with. The quality of my seminars will improve a huge extent!

Jeffee Martinez-Vargas, 12-yr atty, 8 adverse depositions

This material is directly relevant to my practice...very informative. Musante is an excellent communicator and terrific teacher of logic and depo skills. This seminar is far more engaging than others...and thus memorable...than any other seminar I've taken. The video clips are terrific for showing how Musante's archetypes are put into practice.

Mark Levy, 3-yr atty, 2 adverse depositions

Great seminar...great speaker...outstanding seminar compared to others.

Brandy Bramlett, 2-yr atty

Good content...many topics covered. Musante's use of audio visual teaching methods reinforce the subject taught. His video clips maximally demonstrated each teaching point...they were interesting. Good Powerpoint show, good presentation and design of slides.

Anonymous, 3-yr atty

Extremely helpful seminar...excellent speaker. Top-notch seminar.  
Jewell Patricio, 11-yr atty, 10 adverse depositions

This seminar is very helpful to someone new to litigation. Musante is very engaging and does a good job explaining the materials.  
Ashley Bartram, 6-month atty

Very practical seminar. Excellent speaker...dynamic. This seminar is among the best.  
Jack Hohengarten, 20-yr atty, 60 adverse depositions

Very good seminar...the techniques will be applicable in almost every case I have. This seminar will improve the quality of my depositions a lot, with any examination.  
Matthew Tepper, 5-yr atty, 50 adverse depositions

Excellent seminar...dynamic and interesting...keeps the group interested. The video clips helped explain his points well, particularly with Musante's follow-up comments.  
Shelley Dahlberg, 1-yr atty, 1 adverse deposition

I enjoyed the use of visual examples...it made it much easier to understand the concepts. Musante is very persuasive. Video clips made the seminar.  
Christopher Clough, 9-month atty

Very useful, essential, seminar. Musante is excellent, as always...engaging, entertaining and logical.  
Kerry O'Brien, 2-yr atty, 10 adverse depositions

Very valuable seminar. Very effective speaker. This seminar is just about the best, most interesting, most valuable there is.  
Tommy Prud'homme, 14-yr atty, 50 adverse depositions

Excellent seminar...Excellent speaker. Musante's animated style and humor held my attention and allowed his points to come through. This seminar is much better than others...more concrete and better at communicating theory.  
Anonymous, 20-yr atty, 75 adverse depositions

Excellent seminar...a long overlooked topic. Great speaker. Best CLE I've had in 20 years...really. Wonderful use of videos.

Anonymous

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Musante is outstanding, entertaining, rapid-fire, killer! Light years better than other full-day seminars. Excellent use of Power Points and real life examples. Outstanding practical content. Richard M. Roberson, 24-yr atty, 100+ adverse depositions, Gardere, Wynne, Sewell, Dallas

Head and shoulders above the rest. Musante is excellent. I've never seen one able to be interesting all day! Good mix of media subject matter and passion in the instructor for the subject matter. I wish I had had this seminar 20 years ago!

Dot Culham, 21-yr atty, 100s of adverse depositions, Dallas

Exciting and very educational. This seminar offered exemplary practical tips for taking an excellent deposition. Musante's command of the content, material and English language is impressive. I am convinced that taking a good deposition of an adverse witness can mean the difference in the entire outcome of a case. This seminar will make me 100 times better.

Anonymous, Gardere, Wynne, Sewell, Dallas

Best seminar ever. The practical value of this seminar is enormous. I wish I had had this fifteen years ago. It has changed my paradigm 180 degrees and will improve my depositions tremendously.

Mark Mathie, McKool Smith

Much better than other CLEs. Effective tools to use. Excellent tools and strategy to use in all future depositions. Very good [instructor]. I've been taking ineffective depositions before this seminar. I look forward to using these tools in my next deposition.

Michael Lawrence, 7-yr atty, 200 adverse depositions, Dallas

Could be the most valuable seminar I've taken. Excellent [practical content]. Excellent instructor.

Kenneth P. Kula, 6-yr atty, 25 adverse depositions, Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue, Dallas

This CLE creates a monumental, cataclysmic dilemma for all of my other CLE presenters: they must teach, inform and entertain me as much as Musante did. All of the abstract notions I had floating in my head are now concrete, firm, knee-jerk reactions.

R. Mark Oliver, 4-yr atty, 50 adverse depositions, Brown Pruitt, Dallas

This seminar changes the way one views depositions; and changes the way I will approach every deposition. Musante is a great teacher...he realizes who his audience is and the best way to get his point across. This is the best seminar to date...energetic and thought-provoking. You actually learn instead of fed information.

Jason Bowman, 2-yr atty, 3 adverse depos

This seminar will be extremely useful information to improve the litigation practice. Helpful to see the mistakes from well-known cases. Musante does a very good job of incorporating real world examples with the techniques to be learned. A very good presentation and interaction.

Chris Norris, 5-yr atty

Very informative. Provides thought-provoking challenges to increase everyone's ability to conduct a very effective cross-examination. I look forward to putting these ideas into action.

Laura D. Schmidt, 12-yr atty, 500+ adverse depos, Downs & Stanford, Dallas

One of the few seminars that is really worth taking an entire day to attend. Mr. Musante is very engaging and his use of real situations to demonstrate his techniques is really effective. Provided me with a methodology to use -- a better way to organize my questions. The rules taught in this seminar will help me to be more focused and strategic when developing questions.

Aimee Cook, Gardere, Wynne, Sewell, Dallas

Outstanding!

William Sebesta, 11-yr atty, Cozen O'Connor, Dallas

Excellent seminar; excellent instructor.

Jason Fulmer, 2-yr atty, 1 adverse depo, Gardere, Wynne, Sewell, Dallas

Musante is a guru on depositions. The practical content changes your way of thinking about depos.

Steve Shoultz, 23-yr atty, 200+ adverse depos, Dallas

Great material, effectively presented, great use of "tivo'ed" materials to illustrate.

Stephen D. Wilson, 6-yr atty, 20 adverse depos, Locke Liddell, Dallas

Very instructive, to the point. Excellent instructor. Kept seminar moving while managing to stay on task.

Michael Moureau, 2-yr atty, 4 adverse depositions, Godwin Gruber, Dallas

The seminar was great! It should be a requirement for all lawyers regardless of how many depositions one has taken, and regardless of how masterful one thinks they are at the art of the adverse deposition. Musante did a wonderful job. Very informative and very entertaining as well.

Jason A. Schmidt, 4-yr atty, 10 adverse depositions

Very good and highly enjoyable seminar that teaches information and techniques the practitioner will actually use.

Scott G. Ball, 16-yr atty, 300+ adverse depositions, Winchester & Assoc., Dallas

Lots of information. Entertaining. Liked how the power-points were used for examples.

David Vereeke, 29-yr atty, hundreds of adverse depositions, Dallas

Informative and entertaining.

David Vassar, 10-yr atty, 20 adverse depositions, Nesbitt & Vassar, Dallas

The best practical advice any litigator can get. Musante is entertaining and effective. This was a repeat for me ... it's always good to go back to school with regard to the important things.

Michael Scott, 6-yr atty, 15 adverse depositions, Dallas

Unsurpassed. Outstanding. Excellent. Provides tremendous tools to maintain control over witness and value of depositions to overall case.

Edward McHale, 25-yr atty, 500 adverse depositions, Dallas

Outstanding, fast-paced, great practical advice. Musante is entertaining, informative and challenging. He turns "normal deposition technique" on its head. Has made me re-examine my technique and my goals in taking depositions. Musante validated some of my techniques and made me aware of many more areas in which I can improve.

John Cummings, 8-yr atty, 40+ adverse depositions, Law Office of Steven Laird, Dallas

This seminar brought what had been a piecemeal hit and miss process into a cohesive whole.

L. Darlene Mitchell, 10-yr atty, 500+ adverse depositions, Burt, Barr & Assoc., Dallas

Much more valuable than other CLEs -- I actually feel like this one will make a difference. [Value of practical content] absolutely fantastic. I worked until midnight several days this week to free up the time to attend and Musante made it worth the effort. Fantastic [instructor].

10-yr atty, 80+ adverse depositions, Dallas

Well above average. More enjoyable and worthwhile than any other lecture seminar. Excellent practical content. Incorporates non-mainstream thoughts but incredibly logical and practical. Good choice of examples and effective use of subtle humor. Kept my attention the entire time.  
Erin Royston, 2 1/2-yr atty, McKool Smith

Better than the best. Value of practical content: 100%.  
Vance Stanton, 34-yr atty, countless adverse depositions, Dallas

[Value of practical content] Strong -- worth the money.  
Blake Beckham, 14-yr atty, 300+ adverse depositions, Dallas

In light of the growing emphasis on depositions in my practice, this course has provided a concise and useful presentation of techniques (and errors) that both refreshed previous instructions I've received and (more importantly) taught me new tactics. [Regarding this seminar's set of deposition rules], although there is some overlap to my own rules, there are a great deal of different and seemingly more effective tactics.  
Phillip Cannatti, 4-yr atty, 50-70 adverse depositions, Dallas

Way better than others. The seminar has given me an added measure of confidence in taking a deposition. Musante has great command of the material. Before this seminar, I was working without a net; this material will help improve all aspects.  
Eric Tautfest, 3-yr atty, 1 adverse deposition, McKool Smith

This seminar offered exemplary practical tips for taking an excellent deposition. Musante's command of the content, material and English language is very impressive. Convinced me that taking a good deposition of an adverse witness can mean the difference in the entire outcome of a case. This seminar will make me 100 times better.  
Gardere Wynne & Sewell attorney

Excellent! Much better than most. Very helpful to hone skills and prepare; good rules re attacking credibility that can be incorporated into any deposition.  
Lori Carr, 15-yr atty, 50+ adverse depositions, Gardere Wynne & Sewell

The best solo performance by far and one of the very best overall. Excellent [practical content]; Superb [instructor].  
Mary S. Black, 22-yr atty, 40 adverse depositions, Dallas

Much more useful than other full-day seminars that I've been to. Teaches the logic that you did not realize you had not put together on how to take more effective depositions. Musante is energetic and engaging.. Will help me prepare better and plan my "attack" on an adverse witness, rather than focus only on information gathering.

Enz Lockridge, 3 1/2-yr atty, 10-15 adverse depositions, Gardere Wynne & Sewell

One of best [CLEs] - up with Robert Hirshorn in "voir dire", H. Stein on cross. Extraordinary [instructor] - illustration of points with anecdotes, humor; oratorical gimmicks. [This seminar's set of deposition rules] revolutionary! (Not employed by some "hotshot" attorneys either.)

Robert G. Davis, 20-yr atty, 50 adverse depositions, Dallas

Excellent [compared to other CLEs] - much more practical. Very good [practical content] - excellent examples. Very good [instructor]. Ties concepts to practical examples.

Ron Vollmar, 14-yr atty, Dallas

This is my first seminar on depositions -- it has been great! The rules are excellent, the content is very good and well-presented. The video clips and slides were used very effectively.

Jon Buli, 6-mo atty, Gardere Wynne & Sewell

Much better [than other CLEs]. All examples helped in understanding subject matter and made seminar interesting. [Regarding this seminar's set of deposition rules], I have never seen all the rules put together before in a complete way. I look forward to putting all the rules in practice on my upcoming depositions and "whacking" the deponents.

Greg Porter, 3-yr atty, 15-20 adverse depositions, Dallas

Most informative in light of the fact that this was my first depo training. Very few day-long seminars have kept my attention all day long like this one. I hope it prepared me to take my first depo using this strategy from the get-go.

Aimee Blanchard, 5-mo atty, Gardere Wynne & Sewell

Enlightening; the logic makes sense.

Brent Lee, 1-yr atty, 12 adverse depositions, Thompson & Knight, Dallas

Very good; lots of practical examples. Musante is very good, entertaining.

Ken Kirkpatrick, 4-yr atty, 3 adverse depositions, Office of the Attorney General, Dallas

Very informative. Should be mandatory for all new lawyers, before they have the opportunity to develop bad habits. Mr. Musante presented the information in a clear, concise and entertaining format.

Anonymous, 1-yr atty, 1 adverse depo, Gardere, Wynne, Sewell, Dallas

Excellent seminar; excellent instructor. I do contract work in toxic tort litigation and take at least one plaintiff depo every day. I'm interested in applying these techniques to that practice and mastering the skills provided in the seminar.

Anonymous, 13-yr atty, hundreds of adverse depositions, Dallas

Thought-provoking! Very good!

Anonymous, 13-yr atty, 250+ adverse depositions, Dallas

Excellent seminar; outstanding instructor.

Anonymous, 4-yr atty, 15 adverse depositions, Dallas

Very good! Brings the essentials to the forefront.

Anonymous, 15-yr atty, 100s of adverse depositions, Dallas

Very good because specific examples were used. [Most useful aspect] Examples. Too many CLEs teach general principles with no framework for using them.

Anonymous, 3-yr atty, 7 adverse depositions

Excellent. Gave names to techniques that I already use; tied them together; and, of course, taught me several new techniques and philosophies.

Anonymous, 3-yr atty, 50 adverse depositions

Powerfully insightful and informative.

Anonymous, 2.5-yr atty, 6 adverse depositions

Great. Very practical, useful and specific tips and advice. [Most useful aspect] Examples from video.

Anonymous, 1.5-yr atty, 4 adverse depositions

Logical, insightful and full of basics to approach any deposition. More important, the fact that every depo is a snapshot for trial testimony. Because I came in believing my depo skills and reasons for taking depositions were limited - how untrue since the depo is likely to be edited (video)

depo) and played at trial! [Most useful aspect] Practical approaches to "turning over rocks". You never know what's there or not there unless you turn them over!  
Anonymous, 2-yr atty, 2 adverse depositions

Musante is excellent, an engaging speaker. Informative and entertaining power-point presentation.  
Anonymous, 12-yr atty, "many" adverse depositions, Dallas

Provided new insight to methods of taking depositions and useful tools to prevent same bad patterns. Mr. Musante is very knowledgeable of subject and good ability to convey information.  
Anonymous, 13-yr atty, 100+ adverse depositions

Excellent presentation. Clear communication of essential points! Musante is an effective and engaging communicator.  
Anonymous, 4-yr atty, 10 adverse depositions, Smith, Underwood, Perkins, Dallas

More valuable because knowledge/skills can be immediately applied to each case "trial" I have going on right now! [Musante] gifted, energetic and persuasive in challenge to apply principles covered. [Seminar's set of deposition rules] more aggressive vs. "scaredy-cat" approach.  
Anonymous, Dallas

"The 25 Credibility Arguments for Deposition and Trial"  
Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. Musante's animation is motivating...a little like comedian Lewis Black. Good timing. I can't think of any witness I've deposed who couldn't be exposed with Musante's techniques.  
Anonymous, 6-yr atty, 10-15 adverse depositions

Seminar provides solid logical approach to taking a deposition. Musante is great...entertaining...a little fast at times. Video clips were very effective and perhaps, more importantly, very entertaining. Law school does not teach deposition taking skills. Watching a partner take a deposition only provides an example, but no analysis of the logic underlying the questions. This seminar fills a big gap for young lawyers.  
Anonymous, 3-yr atty

Great stuff...this is what law school doesn't teach you and what partners are too busy to show you. Musante is good...solid.  
Anonymous, 3-yr atty, 5 adverse depositions

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. The seminar made me see a new level of what can and should be done in depositions.

Walter Melendres, 34-yr atty

A very good seminar. I think Musante is a great and very passionate teacher...his enthusiasm has held my attention all day.

Felicia Norvell, 20-yr atty, 40 adverse depositions

Seminar content is good...speaker is very passionate about topic and presents a well-reasoned discussion of material. The Simpson trial clips were very illustrative.

Jason Goff, 1-yr atty, 0 adverse depositions

Fantastic seminar for anyone who litigates. Musante is very effective. This seminar helped me understand the techniques that I have and have not used well and where I can improve my techniques.

Mike Howell, 7-yr atty, 25 adverse depositions

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker.

Roxanna Garcia, 30-yr atty, 10 adverse depositions

Musante's points are practical and I believe will immediately improve my skills. Musante keeps the audience mentally "active"...he has a lot of energy and interesting visuals. His lecture points will help me better outline and work through the questioning necessary to build my case/assess its strengths and weaknesses.

Anonymous, 1-yr atty, 2 adverse depositions

Great stuff--gives you a road map to uncover deception. Musante is dynamic. Video clips are good teaching tools to show the good and the bad. This seminar will greatly enhance my ability to paint the AD into the corner.

Phil DeFriend, 3-yr atty, 3 adverse depositions

An enormously useful seminar...excellent speaker. Video clips were very helpful and interesting. Musante's seminars are the most useful I've attended in improving the quality of my litigation skills.

Anonymous, 21-yr atty, 100+ adverse depositions

An extremely useful seminar. Musante is quick, but every word or statement is a valuable lesson. As a young lawyer, this seminar gives me the tools to depose witnesses as effectively as attorneys who have taken many depositions.

Leanora Costilla Ortiz, 2-yr atty, 5 adverse depos

Outstanding seminar...the logic of deposition is much more important than mere information acquisition. Outstanding speaker.

Michael Quiinn, 26-yr atty, 200+ adverse depos

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I took this killer adverse deposition course because I'm a first-year lawyer and needed some guidance on how to take a deposition. I took my first adverse deposition about a month after taking this course. The deponent was the president of a carpet and tile company in Houston. Using these techniques, not only did I get the information I needed to "try the case," but I made him literally break down in tears. Too bad it wasn't a videotaped deposition. The transcript only shows where his counsel had to ask if he needed to take a break. Thanks for such a wonderful course!!!

Dylan Russell, Hoover Slovacek, Houston

Excellent. There is such a lack of training in firms these days and this course was crucial to preparing for and taking a good deposition. Musante is excellent; very motivating and taught me invaluable information. Very intense compared to other one-day seminars; a lot of other CLE courses seem to merely be a series of monotonous talking-heads and breaks.

April Lykos, 9-yr atty, 90 adverse depos, Houston

This seminar is clearly of the highest quality because what you learn you can apply the next day effectively. This seminar will improve the quality of my adverse depos tremendously...it gives credence to what I felt must be the case but had heard otherwise. The content of this course has obvious application to any type of practice--even my intellectual property practice.

Musante has the ability to make anything extremely interesting yet completely educational in a practical sense.

Charles Thomasian, 8-yr atty, Conley Rose, Houston

As with many professors, we're taught rules and sometimes lose sight of why we follow rules. This seminar freed me with logical rationale, from feeling that I must take depositions as if there were no trial. Musante is passionate about this topic and is the wordsmith that he strives to be. How will this seminar improve the quality of my adverse depos? I will not consider depos to be discovery fishing expeditions but will instead treat them as a chance to lock the deponent into the testimony most favorable to my client.

Mark Yberra, 5-yr atty, 22 adverse depos

Excellent practical seminar content. I was thinking through an upcoming adverse deposition and how the material applies during this seminar. Musante is an excellent teacher. His use of recent news events to teach techniques helps hold everyone's attention. I now realize that I can inflict significantly more damage in adverse depositions using Musante's techniques.

Charles Henke, Jr., 13-yr atty, 100 adverse depositions

Very good for cross-examination wherever it may be used.

Dylan Russell, .5-yr atty, Hoover Slovacek, Houston

Should be required for all litigators.

Catherine Smith, 16-yr atty, 100+ adverse depositions, Law Office of Ramon Garcia, Edinburg

You will not leave this seminar without some useful tool for adverse depositions. Musante's teaching ability is superb. Combining useful tactics, sort of good humor and entertaining clips, he has created a very educational program. Will improve my adverse depositions 100%.

Chris Paugh, 1-yr atty, 40 adverse depositions, Powers & Frost, Houston

Excellent! I wish I'd had Musante as a professor in law school!

Victoria Archer, 1.5-yr atty, 100+ adverse depositions, Powers & Frost, Houston

Excellent. Very intellectually stimulating. Musante is informative, entertaining and obviously smarter than most.

Sara Youngdahl, 5-yr atty, 25 adverse depositions, The Youngdahl Law Firm, Friendswood

Excellent practical content. Musante is very credible with a down-to-earth style. More practical and entertaining than other one-day deposition seminars. Should greatly improve my ability to limit deponent's "wobble-room."

David Irwin, 1-yr atty, 10 adverse depositions, Ebanks, Smith & Carlson, LLP, Houston

Very useful information regardless of the number of years in litigation. Very lively presenter who maintained my attention throughout the one-day seminar. Will definitely improve the quality of my deposition and thereby improve the result of my case.

Lucy A. Williamson, 16-yr atty, 200+ adverse depositions, Law Office of Ramon Garcia, Houston

By far superior to any other one-day seminars I've taken. Essential for anyone desiring to be a successful trial lawyer. Unlike most CLEs, there was never a boring or unnecessary moment. Musante is fantastic! He should be teaching law professors these techniques as well! Shifting my focus from "discovery" to "cross-examination" with depositions made complete sense. I can't wait to get back into that conference room!

Karolyn Gillespie, 10-yr atty, 15 adverse depos, Exxon Mobil Corp., Houston

Educational! Practical, entertaining and essential to our profession. Greatest powerpoint presentation I've ever seen. This will be the way I do adverse depositions.

Lee Jeronimo, Houston

Excellent and logical application of deposition tactics. An entertaining and informative presentation; no nodding off possible! Provides substantially more information than other one-day seminars.

Jeff Messock, 20-yr atty, 100+ adverse depos, Houston

Excellent practical content; great instructor. Having only taken one adverse depo, I believe that this seminar has presented me with the skills necessary to not only make my adverse depos awesome (and impress my bosses), but to truly serve my clients by creating the possibility of winning the trial before setting foot in the courtroom.

Zachary D. Norris, 1.5-yr atty, 1 adverse depos, Brown Sims, PC, Houston

As good as the best, and better than the rest.

Joe K. Mitchell, 29-yr atty, 3.000 adverse depos, Houston

Forceful instructor. Excellent combination of everyday events to breaking down material and content in order to develop his case. Will improve my depos by "closing the deal and slamming the door!"

Mark L. Honsaker, 10-yr atty, 50-60 adverse depos, Bailey, Galyen & Gold, Houston

Very helpful. It seems we have all been taught or learned the wrong approach when rational thought would lead us to Musante's conclusions. Very entertaining instructor. Actually learned from him, rather than going home with the book to read.

Kim Olson, 22-yr atty, 100s of adverse depos, Locke Liddell, Houston

Excellent content; tools I will use immediately. No more "discovery" depositions!

Jason Waltman, 7-yr atty, Shreveport

Outstanding. A fine warning order for any litigator in the early stages of his/her career and a ready reference for the more seasoned practitioner. Musante has an excellent ability to convey a skill set that is critically important to first-rate representation of clients.

Kevin T. Dossett, 6-yr atty, 120 adverse depos, Sheehy, Serpe & Ware, PC, Houston

Among the best. Excellent practical content. Will greatly improve the quality of my adverse depositions.

Gary Brockway, 22-yr atty, 100 adverse depositions, Acosta, Shrode & Soule', Houston

Most seminars ebb & flow from good to mediocre; this seminar stayed at excellent all day. I make my money in depositions and use them to put fear in a defendant, which usually equates to a more favorable settlement. This seminar was a teaching tool of the discipline required to reach the level of truly taking an effective deposition. If "deposition is trial," then a deposition is either won or lost, and Musante has helped me ensure I will always win.

Geoff Weisbart, 17-yr atty, 500+ adverse depositions, Hance Scarborough, Wright, Woodward & Weisbart, LLP, Austin

Very useful in understanding the dynamics that occur during deposition. Musante is very good; able to hold listener's attention well

Sam Mullin, 1-yr atty, Houston

Excellent practical content. Musante is entertaining and informative. Far better than other "expert" depositions. Will change my approach and treat the expert deposition like trial.

Sashe Dimitroff, 12-yr atty, dozens of adverse depositions, Clements, O'Neill, Pierce, Wilson & Fulkerson, LLP, Houston

This seminar couldn't be better ... and I am a trial lawyer, adjunct advocacy professor and frequent CLE speaker. Musante cuts to the quick; excellent ability to eliminate fluff without self-promotion.

Dale Jefferson, 16-yr atty, "too many bad depositions," Martin, Disiere, Jefferson & Wisdom, Houston

Excellent! The type of practical training one rarely gets in a CLE course. Mr. Musante is excellent! Litigators need to learn these skills.

Scott Fiddler, 13-yr atty, 200 adverse depositions, Houston

Fabulous, insightful seminar. Musante is fabulous, incredibly analytical. This was my second time taking the class; got even more; a treasure trove.

Dave Stevens, 12-yr atty, 10-15 adverse depositions, Houston

Out-of-the-box thinking at its best. Superb instructor.

Gary L. Evans, 7-yr atty, 50 adverse depositions, Coats & Evans, Houston

This is one of the best seminars that I have attended. Very good well thought out, practical advice. Good instructor, enthusiastic and interested in the subject matter.

John Barr, 11-yr atty, 200+ adverse depos, Bracewell Patterson, Houston

Outstanding seminar, helpful hints. Musante is great! High energy and great mix of humor.

Mia Storey, 6-yr atty, 50+ adverse depos, Edwards & Assoc., Houston

Excellent presentation with practical advice.

Tammy Manning, 14-yr atty, 75 adverse depos, Galligan & Manning, Houston

Outstanding, practical and helpful. Musante is excellent.

Bill Harger, 8-yr atty, 10 adverse depos, Ramsey & Murray, Houston

Fabulous seminar! Packed with good information. Love the logical approach.

Tom Schmidt, 7-yr atty, 50 adverse depos, Schmidt & Hoffer, Houston

Impressive. As important as depositions are to our practice, I can't believe no one (at least known to me) has attempted to distill maxims or rules for success, as Mr. Musante has. He demonstrates clear competence. My suspicion is that he enjoys this seminar and teaching more than the grind of litigation. I have made a 180 degree change in my perspective on "hiding" impeachments. Musante's reasoning is compelling.

John Dies, 4-yr atty, 100 adverse depos, Oldenettel & Assoc., Houston

Extremely helpful. As a young associate this should help me start off on the right foot, and not have to unteach myself the mistakes that the unskilled deposer will. Musante is excellent; made a tough subject enjoyable.

Thomas Graham, 1-yr atty, Berg & Androphy, Houston

Very informative. Really proved wrong a lot of my prior ideas about depos. Great instructor; powerpoint and lecture very effective. He teaches a better way to prepare.

Melissa Astala, Houston

Entertaining and informative ... A must for lawyers who intend to enhance their deposition skills. Musante is tactful, entertaining and presents the material clearly & quickly.

Charles El-Moussa, 5-yr atty, 5 adverse depos, Houston

Important information that should be mandatory for young "trial" lawyers. Musante is entertaining and persuasive.

Stephen Crain, 14-yr atty, 100+ adverse depos, Bracewell & Patterson, Houston

Very good. Well prepared. Musante obviously cares about the subject and has concern for attendees to improve skills.

Andy Schreck, 12-yr atty, 50+ adverse depos, Price & Assoc., Houston

Very informative, places big-picture ideas in context.

Shawn Raymond, 2-yr atty, 20 adverse depos, Susman Godfrey, Houston

Very good seminar. Changes one's perspective on how to take adverse depositions.

David Coates, 11-yr atty, 30 adverse depos, Houston

As a young attorney, I will feel more confident after this course that I am doing my depositions right.

Tom Graham, 1-yr atty, 15 adverse depos, Berg & Androphy, Houston

Excellent practical content; high quality instructor. Seminar does a great job of providing an analytical framework for a critically important skill that is commonly shrouded in mystery by experienced practitioners.

Steve Rasch, 16-yr atty, 200 adverse depos, Thompson & Knight

Wonderfully theatrical, vibrant and literary. Robert Musante exemplifies my ideal of a genuine trial lawyer wedded to little legal societal or political orthodoxy. A true example of Socratic thinking. This seminar is better than any I recall. Will improve the quality of my depositions a lot; will add much focus.

David Bissinger, 8-yr atty, 150 depositions, Clements, O'Neill, Pierce, Wilson & Fulkerson, Houston

No other such seminar compares with the content or quality of this one. It is excellent: has the effect Younger's approach had on me almost 30 years ago, but it is much more empirically valid. Best teaching ability I've ever seen. These "rules" are revolutionary compared to those I've previously used.

William Burnett, 31-yr atty, 250 depositions, Thornton & Burnett, Houston

The content of this seminar is excellent and can be applied in every deposition from here on. Musante is good ... he knows what he's talking about and delivers instruction with humor. I anticipate this will improve the quality of my depositions tremendously.

Marcie Y. Flores, 6-yr atty, 20 adverse depositions, Thompson & Knight

Musante is excellent. Nothing drags; keeps interest; highlights key areas. Excellent practical content. I now have a much greater ability to box in deponent.

Mark Taylor, 4-yr atty, 12 depositions, Cowles & Thompson, Houston

Better than others. Musante is great. Visuals and high profile case examples great.

Michael Bell, 29-yr atty, 500+ adverse depositions, Thompson & Knight

Excellent! Far better than other CLEs. Until now I have never had such a practical lesson in the mechanics of cross-examination. These are the first "rules" I've seen with the flexibility to apply to any scenarios. I will now treat the depositions as trials, as my only chance to impeach the witness and to ensure no room for his escape. Musante's use of video and practical applications of the lessons illuminated the topic well.

Mark White, 5-yr atty, 2 depositions, Vinson & Elkins, Houston

Good combination of practical discussion with illustrations. Musante is excellent. This seminar's approach is very different from NITA.

Garret Chambers, 6-yr atty, 35 depositions, McKool Smith, Houston

Top notch. The best compared to others.

Nelson Heggen, 20-yr atty, 1000+ depositions, Houston

The best I have encountered. Great practicality not only in depositions but in evaluating witness statements and pre-litigation investigation. If I objectively apply the principles, I have no doubt I will be successful.

Larry Hatley, 20-yr atty, 20 depositions, Houston

One of the best. A whole new way of thinking ... much more logical. I expect to improve dramatically.

Stacy Kelly, 4-yr atty, 7 adverse depositions, Thompson & Knight

Perhaps the best, most practical seminar I have attended. Much more useful from a practical standpoint than other CLEs. Musante is first-rate. I expect it will improve my skills exponentially.

Henry Fasthoff, 5-yr atty, 6 depositions, Stumpf, Craddock, Massey & Pulman, Houston

Enjoyed the energy. Great use of real-world examples. I look forward to my next deposition!

Darin M. Klemchuk, 5-yr atty, 25 adverse depositions, Thompson & Knight

Great! In that it advocates a change in my reason to take a depo and really forces me to evaluate my past depo practice. Very good [practical content] in theory. I will give it a try!  
Food for thought and change.

Roy Murphy, III, 31-yr atty, 1,000+ depositions, Houston

Very informative and innovative. Musante kept my attention the whole time. Will make a dramatic difference.

Kennedy Barnes, 10-yr atty, 100+ adverse depositions, Thompson & Knight

The content is fantastic and conveys deposition tactics very well. Musante is much better than most boring CLE instructors. He is very passionate about that which he speaks.

Regan Potter, Law Offices of Charles E. Fitch, Houston

Full of tactics that I will be able to put into practice immediately. Mr. Musante is an excellent communicator. His style is bold, fresh and invigorating.

Brent Vannoy, Johnson, Finkel, Deluca & Kennedy, Houston

Best I've been to. Musante is interesting, colorful, and does what few seminar speakers cannot do...keep your attention and teach practical skills at the same time. My depositions will be much better.

Clint McGuire, 4-yr atty, 70 depositions, Doyle, Restrepo, Harvin & Robbins, Houston

This is the best CLE I can recall attending. Excellent [practical content]. Can use it tomorrow in a deposition. Great teacher -- very animated and engaging. [Seminar's set of deposition rules] are far better, albeit substantially different than what I've used previously.

Joanne M. Vorpahl, 17 -yr atty, 200+ depositions, Houston

Excellent practical content. Musante is superior.

Vance Stanton, 38-yr atty, Hundreds of depositions, Houston

I wish I had taken this seminar 23 years ago and every year after. This was better than any state bar seminar. It fills a gap the size of the Grand Canyon. This is the fourth seminar on depositions and trials I have attended this year and the only one to tell me what I wanted to know...what I am doing wrong and how to fix it!

23-yr atty, 100+ depositions, Houston

Much more practical information than usual seminars. [Practical content] very useful. This seminar really undercuts the casual attitude many seasoned practitioners have re depositions. [Musante] excellent. Very engaging, wisely avoids bullshit "war stories" and the typical self-

aggrandizement practiced by seminar speakers. Many of "Robert's Rules" reflect "instincts" that I have developed over the years. Others reflect "instincts" that I wish I had developed.  
Jeff Williams, 14-yr atty, 350+ depos, Houston

This is the best seminar I've taken. Would highly recommend this to all my friends and other attys. [Practical content] excellent. With these concepts I feel I have a good groundwork on which to prepare for a depo. [Musante] Top-rated! Wish my law professors could have been as effective. His efficiency and humor are a treat. Musante's enthusiastic explanations were excellent! His enthusiasm is contagious!  
1-yr atty, 0 depos, Houston

This seminar is a practice seminar, therefore it provides much more value because it allows the participant to view procedure to evaluate his skills. I rate this seminar very, very highly, in my top ten. [Musante] one of the best I have seen because he combines understandable examples with concise terms to help you remember and apply the logical rules. Musante presents rules more comprehensively and in an organized fashion. Like many attorneys, I use some rules well but not in a consistent manner.  
Gilbert Vara, Jr., 14-yr atty, 70 depos , Houston

[Musante] is very excited about [his] material and that gets me excited. Thanks for keeping the excitement level up. Overall excellent [practical content]. I honestly cannot wait until my next deposition.  
Keith Woods, 7-yr atty, 50 depos, Houston

More bang for the buck than other CLEs. I thought it was more practical. Substantive and entertaining. This seminar makes the [deposition] rules explicit and useful. Video excerpts were great.  
Karen Milhollin, 14-yr atty, 400 depos , Houston

Different, better pace than most CLEs and great use of video examples. Turns most old rules on their heads.  
Jimmy V. Delgado, 4-yr atty, 20 depos, Houston

Far more valuable [than other CLEs] to anyone who regularly takes depos and tries cases. Extremely practical. It's the sort of stuff that should be taught in law school. Mr. Musante is very effective.  
Sam Baldwin, 15-yr atty, 1000 depos, Houston

Logical rules to follow that make clear sense. Musante is very able. Great examples, illustrations and power-points. Focused and entertaining.  
Anonymous, 4-yr atty, Houston

Effective use of examples and video demonstrations. I didn't know that I had it all wrong until now.

Anonymous, Houston

Very good. Liked the use of video clips as examples. Musante is excellent. Very energetic, interesting speaker. Good movement, voice inflection and action throughout.

Anonymous, 5-yr atty, Houston

Excellent, excellent! Interesting to hear from someone with a liberal arts background rather than the "usual" "real" education lines. Excellent instructor. I have felt insecure and countercultural in the way I depose until now. This helps the confidence level.

Anonymous, 16-yr atty, 100+ depos, Houston

Very effective, although I agree with all propositions set forth, inexperienced attys may not appreciate the truth of Musante's message. Superb [practical content]. Excellent [instructor] - very entertaining, doesn't waste time. Interesting speaking on political and current events. [This seminar's set of deposition rules] were comparable to mine, although it's easy to be subsumed in the average way that things are done.

Anonymous, 8-yr atty, 100s of depos, Houston

The seminar and written materials are very beneficial. The teacher is easy to listen to and keeps your attention. Very common sense practical techniques. [The seminar] convinced me that I was correct to set aside my ego and attend something that should be basic training for every trial attorney.

Anonymous, 8-yr atty, 150+ depos

Excellent. Very energetic, entertaining presentation. Would recommend to others.

Anonymous, 7-yr atty, 50+ depos

Practical examples and recollections highlighted the importance and necessity of closing out all answers. I have several depositions scheduled over the next month and made a number of notes for great questions/topics during the seminar.

Anonymous, 3-yr atty, 8 depos

Very good dynamic speaker. Law school never teaches you the mechanics of dealing with lying/evasive witnesses. That was very useful. Excellent. Practical tips for a wide range of real life scenarios. Good general guidelines/standards useable in most depos.

Anonymous, 2-yr atty, 20 depos

Compare to other deposition seminars? There is no comparison. I "attend" litigation seminars. I learn from this one.

Anonymous, Houston

Excellent. Raised my enthusiasm for trial practice again.

Anonymous, 10-yr atty, 40 depos

Really good. Really useful. (I brought billable work with me and never touched it.)

Anonymous, 4-yr atty, 25-30 depos

This seminar lived up to the excellent recommendation made to me. It gets to the heart of the matter of depositions rather than dealing with the superficiality we normally see. It showed the preparation for an adequate cross examination goes beyond the mere marshaling of the facts and provides a more detailed examination of the area of depositions than on normally finds in the average seminar. I will refresh my old skills and hone my skills even more.

Anonymous, 18-yr atty, 500 depos, Houston

Musante is good and energetic. I enjoyed his use of historical references. I'm reevaluation my own past performance and am very optimistic about using these rules!

Anonymous, 6-yr atty, 12 depos, Houston

Musante is very engaging; as good as any seminar I've ever attended. Much more substantive, more effective. I now have a roadmap to press the lying witness on every lie!

Anonymous, 15-yr atty, 25 depos, Houston

Better than most. Very good [practical content]; very good [instructor]. Provides more of an "on hands" teaching method. It puts a finger on things that we experience but haven't really articulated and addressed in a specific way.

Anonymous, 14-yr atty, thousands of depos, Houston

Extremely helpful for a relatively new litigator looking to avoid building bad habits in the first instance. Musante is excellent, very entertaining. This seminar's set of deposition rules is superior -- I have not had extensive training and was looking to acquire some systematic knowledge. This will vastly improve my depositions as a system to follow instead of working blindly.

Anonymous, 1-yr atty, 5 depos, Houston

Probably the best and most useful CLE seminar I've attended. Musante is superb. His rules offer a far better organized and deliberate approach. I anticipate that this seminar will dramatically improve the quality and effectiveness of my adverse depositions.  
Anonymous, 5-yr atty, 15 adverse depositions, Thompson & Knight

This is the only CLE that I have ever attended twice!  
Anonymous, 11-yr atty, 30 depositions, Houston

Better than most. Imminently practical. Very energetic and insightful [instructor].  
Anonymous, 10-yr atty, 35-45 depositions, Houston

Excellent seminar. Very good instructor. I needed this course to recharge my battery and get me excited to take a deposition.  
Anonymous, 2-yr atty, 1 deposition, Clements, O'Neill, et al., Houston

Excellent seminar...fantastic speaker. Definitely gave me ammunition to drop the evidence bombs sooner.  
David Ronin, 8-yr atty, The Ronin Firm

The portion of the seminar dealing with "crap" was everything I had hoped for from this seminar...worth the cost alone. All of the course content was useful. Excellent speaker--use of current video clips to illustrate techniques really drew my attention and helped to translate theory into action.  
Anonymous, 6-yr atty

Very useful seminar. This is my second time and I got more out of it the second time than the first. Excellent speaker. This seminar is the most informative and useful for applying it to your legal skills.  
Anonymous, 5-yr atty, 120 adverse depositions

One of the best! Musante is a highly capable teacher who brings his personal experience and feel for the practical side of trial practice together with a simple, logical theory for taking better adverse depositions. The tools taught in this seminar promise to improve my deposition-taking skills. I can't wait to put them into practice!  
Mark White, 6-yr atty, 10 adverse depositions, Vinson & Elkins

Excellent! Musante's the best...I taught for 12 1/2 years before I went to law school...truly one of the best seminars in my 16 years of practicing law.  
Anonymous

Great seminar...excellent speaker. Best seminar.  
Neal Cannon, 30-yr atty, Neal Cannon & Assoc.

Very entertaining seminar and speaker.  
Phillip N. Slaughter, 1-yr atty, 2 adverse depositions, Van Gilder Law Firm

Excellent seminar..."A+". "A+" speaker. Best seminar.  
Anonymous, 13-yr atty, 20+ adverse depositions

Much better than other seminars on same subject matter. Speaker very interesting; teaching technique combines humor with valuable information that has given me vital tools to make a great improvement in my adverse depositions.  
Sue West, 2-yr atty, 2 adverse depositions, Simmons & Fletcher

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. Excellent skills to focus any litigator's approach to depositions. Will definitely give me ammunition to drop the evidence bombs sooner.  
Mary Lou Flynn-DuPart, 20-yr atty, Jackson Walker

Very helpful seminar in distilling practical aspects of obtaining good results in depositions. Speaker very effective...has obviously tested and developed his seminar. Will improve the quality of my adverse depositions immensely; good techniques to trap the opposing witness.  
George Muckleroy, 1-yr atty, 4 adverse depositions, Thompson & Knight

The content is extremely practical. I've always known a deposition could make or break a case ... I am glad to learn more about throwing out the "Stupid Orthodoxy." The logic makes sense! Excellent speaker...not only educational but engaging and entertaining.  
Laura Yaeger, 5-yr atty, Fleming & Associates

Seminar changed my approach to taking depositions by 180 degrees. Excellent speaker.  
Curtis Harrison, 10-yr atty, 50 adverse depositions

Great seminar...material encapsulates lessons and reasoning that would have taken me an entire career to reach on my own. [Musante] is good. This seminar will change the system by which I approach and take depositions, and use them afterward.  
Richard Smith, 6-yr atty, 9 adverse depositions, Law Offices of Mark Duke

Excellent seminar. This is my second time to attend. That you use the same principles really made this course even more effective for me the second time around. Musante is very good...eloquent, funny and great at making the point.  
Anonymous, 7-yr atty, 25 adverse depos, King & Spalding

Very helpful seminar...useful info to help in my everyday practice. Musante is awesome...quite talented. Compared to other seminars, it's more interesting, more lively, more energy, action-packed! Will improve my adverse depos a ton!  
Kirsten Bell, 1-yr atty

Practical content helps clear some clutter--the orthodoxies--while reinforcing the intuitions I often rely on in actual case preparation. Made me take time to pre-plan for my upcoming depos. Musante teaches things I never got elsewhere.  
Anonymous, 10-yr atty, 25 adverse depos

Great seminar...very polished speaker. This seminar is useful in every day practice of a litigator.  
Michael Duncan, 20-yr atty, 100+ adverse depos

Useful techniques presented clearly and with humor and enthusiasm. Good speaker, and good powerpoints. Multiple approaches to eliciting information and protecting it. This seminar is more interesting and involving than others.  
Anonymous, 25-yr atty, 100s of adverse depos

Very practical content. This seminar has more focus on analyzing overall approach to the depo. [My depos will improve] significantly.  
Anonymous, 20 adverse depos

Very absorbing. Practical skills that I have never been formally taught. I am glad I took this seminar before I take additional depositions--at an early stage in my deposition practice.  
Debra B. Norris, 4.5-yr atty, 2 adverse depos

Informative, entertaining seminar. Great use of multimedia and integration with material. Will hopefully improve my depos dramatically.  
Jeff Lucas, 11-yr atty, 60 adverse depos, Kacal, Adams & Law

Superior seminar...we have a heavy deposition practice and can use these principles and techniques on a daily basis.  
John Gillespie, 25-yr atty, 2000 adverse depos, Kacal, Adams & Law

Very good seminar...high speed, very visual content teaching needed everyday techniques, not academic stuff that can be looked up. Musante is a very good communicator.  
John Cash Smith, 35-yr atty, Bush, Lewis & Roebuck

As good as it gets. Very practical...Musante is experienced and informative.  
Patrick Moore, 10-yr atty, 100+ adverse depositions, Schwartz, Junell, Greenberg & Oathout

A very good and useful seminar...many practical tips. Excellent speaker. Better than most seminars...I would recommend it.  
Anonymous, 7-yr atty, 50-100 adverse depositions

Good content...excellent speaker. Theory involved in deposition cross-examination is an art. Practice and experience of the discipline is necessary to compete successfully.  
Todd A. Kissner, 18-yr atty, 700+ adverse depositions, Tekell, Book, Matthews & Limmer

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor.  
Michael Stockham, 2-yr atty, Thompson & Knight

Excellent practical content. Confirms a lot of notions that I have had and has encouraged me to use them.  
Anonymous, 10-yr atty, 20 adverse depositions

"The 25 Credibility Arguments for Deposition and Trial"  
Great seminar. It is a lesson in cross examination techniques that are useful in trial just as much as in a deposition. Musante is extremely clear and logical. His best skill is in helping us students sort the many answers that we might get in a deposition into the 25 archetypes. This is the best deposition seminar I have seen.  
Mark White, 6-yr atty, 10 adverse depositions, Vinson & Elkins

Quite useful seminar...captivating and informative speaker. Gives me a more systematic construct from which to approach deponents.  
Jeff Lucas, 11-yr atty, 80 adverse depositions

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. I look forward to attending his Expert Deposition Seminar.  
Anonymous

Excellent speaker...I've been twice and will go again. The videos provided a real life example of poor responses, and the instructions on how to disable them were enlightening. This seminar takes the next step in utilizing the "Logic & Whack" rules to damage the credibility of an adverse deponent. Will help me immensely.  
Anonymous, 5-yr atty

Seminar Content: A++...Speaker: A+.  
Anonymous, 13-yr atty, 25+ adverse depositions

Content rated extremely high. I wish I'd had even one professor in law school who'd been 1/10th as good as Musante. Video clips used were vital. If I ever take another deposition, it will be much better than it would otherwise be.  
David Ronin, 8-yr atty, 1 adverse depo, The Ronin Firm

Great seminar...the memory portion is the most helpful aspect of the seminar. My depositions will improve a ton!  
Anonymous, 1-yr atty

It's very helpful to have a system and discipline to apply to the depo process. Musante is good. Video clips helped to illustrate his points, and (more importantly) the context to help remember the points. The quality of my depositions will improve hugely.  
Richard Smith, 6-yr atty, 9 adverse depositions, Law Offices of Mark Duke

Excellent practical examples...excellent speaker.  
Carlos Lovell, Corpus Christi Army Depot

Good stuff...excellent speaker. Very helpful videos.  
Anonymous, 6-yr atty

Great seminar...really informative as to techniques and practical tips to take adverse depositions. Good use of powerpoints and real-life cases that were analyzed to import the subject matter. This seminar expounded upon the previous seminar session [Logic & Whack!] and fortified my understanding of the principles taught.  
Jason Rose, 2-yr atty, 15 adverse depositions, Wojciechowski & Assoc.

Very helpful to think about how to handle the credibility arguments. Musante is very effective...good examples from politics and celebrity cases. I expect marked improvement in my next depo based on this seminar.  
George Muckleroy, 1-yr atty, 5 adverse depositions, Thompson & Knight

Outstanding speaker.

Anonymous, 22-yr atty, 250+ adverse depos

Helpful seminar. The quality of my adverse depos will improve a lot.

Sydney B. Hewlett, 7-yr atty, 20 adverse depos, Shannon Gracey

Excellent speaker--very focused. The seminar validated a lot of what I do and gave me some excellent new approaches and ideas that take what I do a step further. Very refreshing change from "war stories." Validated a lot of what I do and gave me some excellent new approaches and ideas that take what I do a step further.

Mary Lou Flynn-DuPart, 20-yr atty, 1000 adverse depos, Jackson Walker

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. Will improve my depos greatly.

Anonymous

Musante told us how to apply the deposition record we were taught yesterday [Logic & Whack!]. I understand that these credibility arguments are explored at the time of the depo and then used to WHACK the witness at trial. Gave me a more complete understanding of the purpose and effectiveness of depositions at trial. My objectives at depositions have been redefined.

Anonymous

Very useful information; excellent instructor.

Shawna Martin, 3-yr atty, 1 adverse depo, Kroger, Myers, Frisby & Hirsch

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

Excellent seminar. Excellent practical content. [Seminar's set of depo rules] distinctly different with Irving Younger tapes; good logical underpinnings.

Melanie Hunter, 15-yr atty, 30 depos

Best on depositions [compared to other CLEs]. Very practical explanation of effective deposition techniques; sharp, intelligent, a lot of insight.

Theodore M. Bailey, 20-yr atty, 80+ depos

Very practical; can put it to use right away. Super [instructor].

5-yr atty, 60 depositions

One of the best. Excellent [practical content]. A significant improvement [compared to depositions rules previously employed].

Edward L. Kurth, 20 yr-attorney, 100 depositions

Excellent; high energy; [instructor] shows, doesn't just tell. Imposes coherent system of rules on intuitive methods.

22-yr attorney, 1000 depositions

In the top five [compared to other CLEs]; Excellent [practical content]; excellent [instructor].

15 yr-attorney, 50+ depositions

A better course [compared to other CLEs], better paced. Very high [practical content]; superlative presentation.

Stuart Simms, 25-yr attorney

High practical value; very useful; well organized.

29-yr attorney, 750 depositions

I would give this high marks. [Seminar's set of depositions rules] very similar [to mine] but I have followed the orthodoxies too much.

10-yr attorney, 100 depositions

Very valuable. Good, practical content. Excellent [teaching ability]. [Seminar's set of depositions rules] more pointed and usable.

18-yr attorney, 800 depositions

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

An extremely informative, focused and clear seminar. Musante is excellent...easy to understand with real world experience. No comparison to other seminars...this was the most useful I've attended. The seminar brings a much more focused questioning method.

Scott Freshour, 25 expert depositions

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. I read expert's depositions for a living; this seminar will invariably assist me in evaluating and analyzing their deposition testimony.

Olga Seelig

Great seminar...wish I had this quality [of seminar] in law school.  
Nancy Lashikar

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. This is the best I've attended.  
Thomas Prehoditch, 50 expert depos

Good seminar content which can be applied immediately. Musante has a good ability to synthesize and communicate concepts.  
Glenn Brown, 50 expert depos

One of the best seminars I've ever attended in 17 of practice. I attended this seminar several years ago. Since that time I have used these methods in deposing experts. They are great -- they work. Musante has given me many new avenues to attack the "crap" spewed by experts.  
Karen Matlock, 100 expert depos

Best CLE or professional course I've ever taken ... should be longer!  
Nanette D. Nunzio

Best I have ever taken. Excellent practical content. Excellent instructor.  
Lawrence Wells, 10 expert depos

VERY helpful and useful. Musante is excellent; very enthusiastic, certainly masters the subject.  
Katherine Hayes

Best I've seen! Excellent practical content; provided a good road map (construct) for approaching expert depos.  
David A. Talbot, Jr.

Excellent practical content. Excellent instructor. One of the most entertaining and vibrant speakers I have heard.  
Jewell Patricio, 5 expert depos

Excellent! Better than most other litigation-skills seminars I've attended.  
M. Carol Gardner, 10 expert depos

Very well focused. Musante has valuable insight and experience. I've learned a great deal!  
David Nancie

Very useful! Best thing about the course was the practicality. Very good instructor; much more useful seminar than most. The "Opinion Chart" was the best part of the course; Baden's testimony was the best use of real-life example I've ever seen in a CLE. Don't leave a thing out!  
Kevin Laskus, 20 expert depositions

Excellent practical content. Excellent instructor. All topics very helpful and so specific and easy to mold and shape into the type of experts we depose, which is real estate appraisal.  
Steve Toland

Excellent practical content. Excellent instructor. Excellent examples.  
Gerard Rawls

First rate seminar. I like Musante's engaging style. I liked the practical, intellectually involved presentation better than other similar seminars I have attended.  
David Randell, 20 expert depositions

The "how did you get there?" reiteration was valuable; good point about getting it all out at depo and not reserving cross for trial. Musante has a great depth of resources. This seminar will make me think about/research "the rule" and watch for cagey answers, eg the Hawking/white dwarf hypothesis.  
Katerine Howard, 1 expert depo

Outstanding seminar...the best speaker.  
Lawrence Wells, 10 expert depositions

Simplifies complex theories and gives useful tools in dealing with complex testimony. Other seminars confused me...this seminar empowers me.  
Heidi Maher, 6 expert depositions

Excellent practical content; Musante is very compelling and entertaining. I think it will be extremely helpful in deposing experienced real estate appraisers who always emphasize how appraisal is as much an art as a science!  
Anonymous, 50+ expert depositions

This seminar provided more practical advice than other seminars I have attended.

Anonymous

One of the best seminars I've ever attended. Excellent practical content; excellent instructor.  
Anonymous

I found the presentation contained very useful and practical information that I can immediately put to use in my practice. The instructor was entertaining and able to convey the material in a logical and organized format. An excellent seminar...I would recommend to all attorneys who deal with expert witnesses. Very effective to have an example (Baden) where everyone was familiar with the underlying case.

Anonymous, 2 expert depositions

Very practical. Very good instructor.  
Reed Locklear, "several" expert depositions

One of the best CLE presentations this office has presented. Excellent overall presentation, given time constraints. Musante's teaching ability is excellent, very dynamic and energetic speaker. This seminar compares very well with all the other seminars I have taken. I thought the use of Baden's testimony was great. Baden is everything we fear, but he is also someone that, as Musante pointed out, can be effectively attacked. This was a great confidence-builder for those of us who have not taken many cross-depositions.

Anonymous, 10 expert depositions

Musante is obviously brilliant, but also able to simplify concepts (with humor) so that we can use them. Compared to other litigation-skills seminars, this is far superior, largely because Musante reminds us (or teaches us for the first time) to figure out where we're going and figure out how to get there!

Anonymous, 3-5 expert depositions

Very valuable; gave food for thought and valuable avenues for attacking expert in deposition.  
Musante is entertaining with great demonstrations. This seminar is much better than most.  
Anonymous

This seminar was great. Helpful info. Musante is very good - enthusiastic, knowledgeable and energetic. Like his sense of humor, too. I loved the use of Baden's testimony. I like current events references and Baden was a classic example of who I DO NOT wish to encounter!

Anonymous

Very thorough, exceptional concepts regarding organization and arguments. Musante was great and complete! Seminar very valuable; I believe [Musante] in his case in the "prep"; or, you need to prep to win. Baden's testimony was a great example, keeps the audience's attention.  
Anonymous

Information is full of practically applicable content. Musante has exceptional energy and creativity. This was as valuable as any seminar I've taken.  
Anonymous, 3 expert depositions

One of the best! Very good practical content and excellent instructor.  
Anonymous

Excellent course; thought-provoking, informative and practical. Musante was excellent...a 10! Seminar was much more practical and sophisticated, definitely a skill builder. The use of Baden's testimony was highly effective; also effective that even the most intimidating witnesses have vulnerabilities. I liked the pace, the animation and the power points.  
Anonymous, 2 expert depositions

Excellent. I would like to see this as part of a 2-day seminar [with the "Adverse Seminar"]. Excellent instructor who does a good job of maintaining the attention of the audience.  
Anonymous, 10 expert depositions

Great practical content; great instructor. Probably the best litigation-skills seminar I've taken.  
Anonymous, 25 expert depositions

Will be extremely useful. Excellent instructor, obviously very knowledgeable. This is better than any other course I have taken. Use of Baden's testimony excellent!  
Anonymous

Very good seminar with good specific and tactical strategic ideas. It will energize my depositions and practice. Very good compared to other litigation-skills seminars because it took the lawyer a step beyond rules to the consequence and purpose of his questions.  
Anonymous, 25-year attorney

#### "Attacking the Expert's Pedestal"

Excellent seminar; good breakdown of various arguments. Allows overview, systematic development of plan for deposition, gathering of evidence, then can use it to develop plan for trial. Excellent speaker--his use of examples, videos from trials, make the teaching points clear and easier to remember.

Walker, 5 expert depos

This seminar is packed full of valuable and applicable tips and theories about how to depose an adverse expert witness. Musante is an excellent teacher and communicator.

Mark Levy

The practical content of this seminar will be very useful in expert depos. Musante is knowledgeable...good voice inflection, enthusiastic to give an overall worthwhile answer.

Anonymous

Great, comprehensive seminar. An "A+" speaker.

Kerry O'Brien, 5 expert depos

Helpful seminar...categorizes issues in a useful way. Good speaker. Good use of Powerpoint presentation.

Christopher Clough

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker.

M. Lynn Taylor, 60 expert depos

Very good, useful seminar. Very good speaker. Phenomenal. Probably the best presenter in last few years. He's definitely the best on depos.

Tommy Prud'homme, 3 expert depos

Very, very good seminar. Great speaker.

Pete Wassdorf

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

Excellent seminar...I feel smarter already. Excellent speaker...a little more Captain Kirk today than Louis Black...nice fusion of both deliveries. This seminar will improve my future depositions by leaps and bounds. My deposition skills suck compared to where I want to be. I have more tools because of this seminar.

Anonymous, 4 expert depos

Superb seminar...superb speaker. The best seminar.

Vance Stanton, unknown number of expert depos

Lots of information, but can't wait to apply it. Great teaching! I'm glad to have learned the right way to depose an expert.

Leanora Costilla Ortiz, 0 expert depositions

An invaluable seminar...superlative speaker. Musante has plowed new terrain in the field of educating attorneys in the art of taking the expert deposition...refreshing.

Daniel Knott

Great seminar ... but too short. This can easily be a 2-day seminar, maybe even a semester long! Excellent instructor.

William Sebesta, 11-yr atty, Cozen O'Connor

Exceptional seminar. Entertaining, fast-paced. Can't wait for the book!

John Cummings, 8-yr atty, 15+ expert depositions, Law Office of Steven Laird

Excellent seminar. Should be a must for all attorneys. Musante is brilliant! Musante's teachings will not only increase my confidence level, but will enable me to take effective adverse and expert depositions.

Jason A. Schmidt, 4-yr atty

At last! A light in the dark. Now I can stop chaing and start attacking.

Michael Scott, 7-yr atty, 2 expert depositions

Kept me thinking on the edge of my chair throughout the seminar. Musante is outstanding. The numerous examples held my attention and reinforced the principles taught.

J.M. Klanchik, Dallas Attorney

Musante is demonstrative, passionate, motivated to teach. Good examples used ... Baden is a great expert to break down. Glad I came!

David Vereeke, 29-yr atty, hundreds of expert depositions

Excellent seminar. Musante has a humorous and energetic style that is infectious.

Scott G. Ball, 16-yr atty, 50+ expert depositions, Winchester & Assoc.

Outstanding seminar...this one and Musante's adverse depo seminar should be a minimum requirement for all attorneys who venture into the courtroom.

Jeffrey Lynch, 300+ expert depositions, The Lynch Firm

Outstanding! I just changed practice areas (after 20 years of litigation) and will now have to depose adverse experts routinely. Outstanding seminar...thank you, thank you. This seminar will improve the quality of my depositions 1000 percent!

Deborah Dawson, 2 expert depositions, Federal Trade Commission

This was by far the best expert deposition seminar I've been to. It was very practical and will be useful in my PI practice. Excellent, top notch instructor.

Dan Street, 25+ expert depositions, Street & Ragsdale

Sophisticated and persuasive framework for attacking expert opinions. Musante is entertaining and informative. Does a great job of providing an analytical framework for a critically important skill that is commonly shrouded in mystery by experienced practitioners. Will help my expert depositions a great deal.

Steve Rasch, 16 expert depositions, Thompson & Knight

Very practical and provocative, focusing a spotlight on areas usually left un-illuminated by analysis. More logical and practical than other CLEs. This will help make my expert depositions more powerful ... makes me want to send out deposition notices next Monday!

David Furlow, 60 expert depositions, Thompson & Knight

Musante is excellent! Very practical compared to other seminars. The quality of my depositions will improve.

Glenn Ballard, 30-yr attorney, Bracewell Patterson

Very thorough. Excellent instructor. Much more practical than others.

Scott Levine, 100s of expert depositions

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. No comparison to other seminars. The teaching is invaluable.

Regan Williams, McKool Smith

Excellent. Superior to others.

Ron MacFarlane, 50 expert depositions, Sifford, Anderson, Vice & MacFarlane

Content was exceptional. Musante really drove it home. Will greatly improve my expert depositions; gave mechanism for dismantling opinions and revealing their soft underbelly.

Carl Weinkauf, 20 expert depos

Excellent, entertaining and informative. Will improve the quality of my expert depos enormously.

Anonymous

Excellent! Should give me the necessary tools with which to cross experts, besides just trying to reveal their "whore" status. Very, very effective.

Anonymous, 2 expert depos

Very good! Well organized. I wish I had this when starting out as a new lawyer!

Anonymous, 13-yr atty, 30 expert depos

Excellent practical content; outstanding instructor. Very clear; good use of Baden's testimony.

Anonymous, 25-yr atty

"Attacking the Expert's Pedestal"

Great, practical material...fabulous instructor. This seminar has helped me understand the nuances required to depose an expert and the confidence that it will be done effectively for my client.

Leanora Costilla Ortiz, 0 expert depos

All arguments were valid, but effectiveness, in my opinion, of many are on the low side, though all potentially useful. Musante does a great job! I completely agree with exposing impeachment evidence at deposition. Every time I have waited to "spring" it at trial, it never came out.

Mike Howell, 25 expert depos

The seminar provides more ammo to use to attack the expert. Musante is great...he used illustrations effectively.

Phil DeFriend, 3 expert depos

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

In 11 years of trial practice, I have felt insecure in taking expert depositions. Now I can't wait until I can take a doctor deposition and use the "whack" of Musante's course. Musante's the best.

Terry Smith, 25 expert depos

Superb seminar...helpful not only for taking depositions but also for preparing experts for depo. Musante is great...entertaining, passionate.  
Sarah Kerrigan, 100 expert depositions

A+ seminar; A+ speaker. The best seminar I've attended.  
Anonymous, 30 expert depositions

Spot on! Musante is entertaining and informative. In my opinion, that's the rule for a good teacher. I picked up good info at NITA's seminar (3-day) on expert depositions; however, by breaking the structure to its most basic components, I got more useful information for more situations in less time here.  
Russ Miller, 30+expert depositions

The true value of this seminar lies in making explicit what most attorneys learn through trial and error on an unconscious level, if at all, combined with offering a systematic approach to cross-examination. Musante is very engaging and informative. Excellent demonstrative use of Dr. Baden's testimony.  
Mark Ritchie, 15 expert depositions

The method of applying the rules to deposition is very practical and easy to follow. Musante has a great ability to get his point across with speed and examples. Compared to others, this is by far the best seminar.  
Anonymous, 100+ expert depositions

Excellent practical points. Musante has a strong ability to captivate the audience...an energetic CLE.  
Chad Hagan, 6 expert depositions

The seminar was very helpful overall...it gave me an analytical framework for crushing the other side's expert. Musante is a gifted teacher. He is very enthusiastic and interesting. His examples are very useful and helpful...it is clear that he wants the attendees to really learn the subject.  
Allison Comment

A highly practical seminar. Musante though tries to do too much too fast. This seminar challenges the common wisdom of saving attack for trial, and explains why that is usually not the best course.  
Phillip Bruns, dozens of expert depositions

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. Superior.

Bill Book, 500+ expert depos

Excellent seminar...the pinnacle of logic. Musante has good enthusiasm; he makes sense. This seminar is helpful in training one how to think.

Brent Lee, 5 expert depos

Extremely useful seminar...cuts to the chase to dispel myths and/or poor practices. This course contains much more nuts and bolts that can be applied to all types of expert depositions. I will definitely listen more carefully to the witness' word choice and be more confident when deposing a new type of expert.

Doris Beutel-Guthrie, 20+ expert depos

If you have an analytical mind, much of the seminar content is intuitive. Musante has mapped out the logic in a very useful manner that should make me a more effective litigator. His rules of logic are universal. He kept my attention; great illustrations.

Jeff Lucas, 15 expert depos

Very practical seminar; fundamental but must be practiced to be truly learned. Excellent speaker...Musante is pedagogically accomplished; a good communicator of knowledge. Baden was a great teaching tool. His testimony was a good vehicle for teaching the universal principles of taking an adverse expert's deposition.

Duke Fagan

Excellent seminar. Musante is very good at reinforcing concepts and explaining the basis for those concepts. This seminar is more practical and useful than others.

Anonymous, 100+ expert depos

An extremely relevant and helpful to litigation attorneys. Musante's enthusiasm for the subject matter is evident. His humor is a very effective component of his presentation.

Deborah Beck, 100 expert depos

Practical seminar content is easy to use...after some preliminary practice. Competency should increase with use whether examining an expert or non-expert. Musante is excellent...he strives to make sure everyone understands...written and visual materials excellent.

Inez Knight

A+ seminar...all practical...I wish law school was like this. I always feel like a better attorney just having listened. Seminar never boring. Musante always has my attention.

Anonymous

Practical seminar content seems very relevant. Excellent speaker. Musante makes me want to become a litigator.

Dan Schmidt

Good seminar...very good speaker. Best seminar I've attended.

Cary Dorman, 100+ expert depositions

Very informative. Vastly better than other "expert" seminars.

Catherine Smith, 50+ expert depositions, Law Office of Ramon Garcia, Edinburg

Excellent practical content. Much more helpful than other "expert" seminars.

David Irwin, 2 expert depositions, Ebanks, Smith & Carlson, LLP, Houston

Fantastic. Much more value than other "expert" seminars. Will improve my expert depositions immediately and beyond imagining.

James T. Clancy, 20 expert depositions, Matthews & Branscomb, PC, Corpus Christi

Information that can be put to use as early as tomorrow! Mr. Musante's passion for his subject shines; he is a very good teacher. I now have tools to do more than just conduct an interview. I would definitely consider attending another seminar taught by Musante.

Jason Waltman, Houston

As with the "Adverse" seminar, this seminar is above most others in quantity and quality. Has provided me with a couple of different ideas about how to handle a difficult expert.

Mark A. White, 20-25 expert depositions, Clements, O'Neill, Pierce, Wilson & Fulkerson, LLP, Houston

Good organization, interesting topics and great suggestions to use in future expert depositions. Will keep me from losing my cool and intelligently attack the basis and manner in which experts reach their conclusions or opinions.

A. Alexandria Taylor, 3 expert depositions, Sammons & Parker, Houston

Very good; very helpful. Mr. Musante is not boring like most speakers at other seminars. Will improve the quality of my expert depositions significantly.

Javier Valenzuela, Acosta, Shrode & Soule', Houston

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor.

Neal Cannon, Neal Cannon & Assoc., Houston

I like the fact that Mr. Musante challenges conventional wisdom because I don't trust CW ... I insist it must be proved. I feel challenged to think and to question, and that is rare in CLE seminars. My hope is that my first expert depo will be an auspicious beginning because of this course.

Bennett S. Bartlett, Farnsworth & vonBerg, Houston

Excellent practical content; outstanding teacher.

Dave Stevens, 11-yr atty, 50 expert depositions, Houston

Outstanding! I cannot wait to apply Musante's principles and techniques in my own practice. Musante is also outstanding. Very effective hand-out and use of demonstrative examples.

Mia Storey, 6-yr atty, 50 expert depositions, Edwards & Assoc., Houston

Fast-paced intense course ... very informative and helpful to taking an expert deposition.

Charles El-Moussa, Houston

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor.

Scott Fiddler, 30 expert depositions, Law Office of Scott Fiddler, Houston

Very helpful seminar. Provides a template for taking the depo of any expert on any subject.

Musante is a solid teacher. He makes his principles very clear and understandable.

John Barr, 11-yr atty, 100 expert depositions, Bracewell Patterson, Houston

Excellent content. Musante is interesting and entertaining.

Stephen Crain, 13-yr atty, 25 expert depositions, Bracewell & Patterson, Houston

The best I've attended. Musante is excellent. Great reminder and organizer of what good ideas I've heard before with lots more added.

William E. Matthews, "Hundreds" of expert depositions, Gardere, Wynne & Sewell, Houston

Every young lawyer should take this course ... and experienced lawyers should take a Musante refresher every few years.

Anonymous, 15-20 expert depositions, Clements, O'Neill, Pierce, Wilson & Fulkerson, LLP, Houston

This seminar is one that every lawyer, or potential lawyer, should take.

Anonymous, 10+ expert depositions, Houston

Better than any other CLE I've been to. Musante's techniques will have an immediate and positive impact on my next adverse expert deposition.  
Anonymous, 12-15 expert depositions, Houston

I needed this seminar very badly and it did not disappoint me.  
6-yr attorney, Houston

As interesting as can be. Very practical and valuable to my practice. Musante is very enthusiastic and excited.  
Gardere, Wynne & Sewell, Houston

Excellent! I look forward to trying out the advice/info/organization. Logical and makes sense.  
15 expert depositions, Gardere, Wynne & Sewell, Houston

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. Sure made me think about tactics.  
"Hundreds" of expert depositions, Gardere, Wynne & Sewell, Houston

Very useful information. Helps understand what should be at the heart and purpose in deposing experts. Musante is excellent, interesting, and energetic; and effective communicator. The impact on my expert depositions will be significant. Undercuts a common misconception regarding deposing experts: that you have to have a technical understanding of the expert's area of expertise in order to effectively take the deposition ... not so, says this course.  
Vinson & Elkins attorney, Houston

One of the best seminars I've attended. Will make planning an attack much easier and more effective.  
Ben Lippard, Vinson & Elkins, Houston

Extremely useful and hopefully with proper implementation, a great benefit to my practice. Musante is excellent.  
Barry White, 75 expert depositions, Gardere, Wynne & Sewell, Houston

Other "expert" seminars don't even compare. In 23 years of practice, I've never seen a course that covered expert depositions in such a practical way, and I haven't seen more than 4 or 5 effective expert depositions on cross-examination. This will greatly improve my expert depositions. I am usually critical of teachers who use clips from trials or movies, but Musante did it right! Wish we had had more time.

John R. Brown, 5 expert depositions, Houston

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. Much more valuable than others. I will now know that deposition is trial!

Randy Furlong, Vinson & Elkins, Houston

The content is extremely practical, useful and I look forward to applying it. It provides a road-map or a step-by-step method of challenging any expert opinion. The instructor is extremely talented in his presentation. He communicates effectively and it is easy to listen to him.

Todd Hermes, Powers & Frost, Houston

Very practical and provocative, focusing a spotlight on areas usually left un-illuminated by analysis. Excellent instructor. Will help make my expert depositions more powerful ... makes me want to send out deposition notices next Monday!

David A. Furlow, 60 expert depositions, Thompson & Knight

Musante is good, energetic, used the media examples well, and was interesting to listen to.

Walter R. Mayer, Vinson & Elkins, Houston

Excellent value. Sophisticated and persuasive framework for attacking expert opinions. Musante is entertaining and informative. Will help me a great deal.

Steve Rasch, Thompson & Knight

Musante is very animated, which holds audience attention. A lot of good ideas for developing trial testimony.

Lewis Sutherland, 20-25 expert depositions, Vinson & Elkins, Houston

Excellent practical content; Musante is a superior public speaker.

Charles Hill, 60 expert depositions, Houston

Effective and persuasive. This seminar does a better job at taking the focus off the "technical" merits of the argument, forcing one to think on persuasive terms. A very useful framework for preparation and analysis. Should help me refine my "basis" questions significantly.

Vinson & Elkins

Musante's "expert formula" provides an excellent construct with which to analyze experts' opinions and attack their value. Provided helpful techniques for preparing to both take and defend expert depositions.

Vinson & Elkins

Superb practical content. Musante is terrific. Will improve my depos significantly.  
Vance Stanton, 75 expert depos, Houston

Practical content is extremely beneficial. Musante is very good. Provides a wonderful base for future depositions.  
George Gore, Doyle, Restrepo, Harvin & Robbins, Houston

Way better than other seminars. Musante is excellent. I feel much more confident to take an expert depo now.  
Marcie Flores, Thompson & Knight

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. Will hopefully improve my adverse expert depos a great deal.  
Garret Chambers, 5 expert depos, McKool Smith, Houston

A great organizational approach. Will significantly improve my expert depos.  
Vinson & Elkins

Excellent teacher; superior compared to other "expert" deposition seminars.  
William L. Burnett, 25 expert depos, Thornton & Burnett, Houston

Excellent seminar. It will improve the quality of my adverse expert depositions tremendously:  
Deposition is Trial.  
Conrad Adams, Doyle, Restrepo, Harvin & Robbins, Houston

Excellent content and instructor. Points will be useful to expose expert's "non-expert" opinion for the jury. Will improve my expert depos to a great extent...I already feel better as a lay-lawyer, to take on an expert.  
Mark Taylor, 1 expert depo, Cowles & Thompson, Houston

Musante is excellent; very animated. Made the time fly. I will be better equipped to structure the depo more effectively, and be on the alert for certain words that signal weakness.  
Vinson & Elkins

Excellent practical content. Much more practical than others, more result-oriented, fewer "war stories" and irrelevant information. If properly applied, this organizational "attack" (the Expert Chart) cannot fail to help produce better cross-examination results.  
Anonymous, 25-30 expert depositions, Houston

Very effective for synthesizing information into useful memorable pieces. It allows me to package what I'm already doing into a repeatable form; I can fix my mistakes and drill the things I do right.  
Anonymous, 5-10 expert depositions, Houston

I have attended both days of Musante's seminars and found them both to be very practical and helpful. Robert Musante is entertaining and informative. This seminar has given me a basis and approach to taking expert depositions and forming the questions.  
Anonymous, 2 expert depositions, Houston

Practical content very high; wonderful teacher. I am back for a second year in a row with four other associates from my firm!  
Clint McGuire, 10 expert depositions, Doyle, Restrepo, Harvin & Robbins, Houston

Excellent logic of cross examinations. Good communicator. Not boring. Not too humble or self-conscious. Seminars that are truly about litigation skills are too few.  
John Fason, 40 expert depositions

There is too much info! I'll work it up over time, but please triple your price and give us 200-300 pages of this stuff! It's really useful. Write the book! Robert pulls stuff from numerous sources in the flow of the presentation. It holds my attention, and downloads a ton of information. I love the constant literary allusions. The only other seminar that compares is "Killer Adverse Depo".  
Kelly D. Hollingsworth, 10 expert depositions

Very useful. This is the second Musante seminar and I still believe it is the best CLE going. Excellent instructor. Excellent real-life/world skills to use.  
Tom Gehring, 10-15 expert depositions

Very useful. Hope I remember it for the sometime in the future that I get to take an expert depo. Instructor was great! Very enthusiastic/interesting/entertaining. I think you must attend the KILLER adverse depo seminar to get the most from this one. It's a necessary foundation.  
Angela A. Truitt

Very practical. Excellent instructor. I appreciate the analysis of the processes of litigation. Very valuable practical orientation.

Melanie Hunter, 3 expert depositions

Excellent practical content. Excellent and enjoyable instructor. Superior compared to other litigation-skills seminars.

Alan Hostetter

I expect to perform my first adverse expert deposition in the next few months and believe this course will help greatly. Musante is full of energy, keeps class interesting.

Vinson & Elkins

Extremely useful to me in role of expert witness. Excellent instructor - organized, good balance of written material and visuals.

Malcolm Skolnick

Very good practical content. Very good instructor. Compares favorably to other litigation-skills seminars.

Gary Bledsoe, "several" expert depositions

Awesome!

David Ronin

Excellent practical content. Very good teacher. Better than other seminars.

Walter D. James III, 30 expert depositions

Great concepts. Instructor very thorough. More thorough, broader, yet more detailed than other litigation-skills seminars.

Melissa Katz, 5 expert depositions

Excellent practical content. Excellent instructor. Better than other litigation-skills seminars.

30-40 expert depositions

Good content, good tips, helpful materials. Good teaching ability. Valuable evidence-collecting skills.

Anonymous, 1 expert deposition

The best seminar in years. Excellent instructor.  
Anonymous

Very useful. Inspiring instructor. Very important and informative compared to other litigation-skills seminars.  
Anonymous, 1 expert depo

Found it practical and useful. I like the fact that I can put the information given in class to immediate use in my next deposition. Musante kept things interesting. Much better and more useful than previous litigation-skills seminars I have taken

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Anonymous, 5 expert depos

Superior method for developing cross-examination skills. Excellent practical content and very good instructor.  
Anonymous, 200 expert depos

It was extremely informative and useful. Musante was excellent.  
Anonymous

Excellent - useful materials that I can put to work this afternoon. Musante was excellent, organized and focused at all times. By far, this was the best seminar.  
Anonymous, 30-40 expert depos

Very practical. Musante keeps the audience attentive and animated. One of the most practical seminars!  
Anonymous, 15 expert depos

"Attacking the Expert's Pedestal"

Musante distills an enormous amount of rational guidance on taking expert depositions into an easily accessible guide to weapons useful for demolishing any expert. Musante is outstanding; entertaining and informative the entire way through. This seminar gives a framework thinking of the types of attacks and their format. I anticipate my approach will be more systematic and thorough because of this.

Mark Ritchie, 15 expert depos

I have now taken all Musante's seminars, and even without CLE credit, they were all well worth the cost. Using your system at deposition and trial has helped me have the success to become managing attorney. Musante is the best seminar professor that I have had.

Terry Smith, 25 expert depos

Extremely useful seminar. I depose many medical experts and it's especially useful in attacking their "pedestal". Musante is excellent...I keep coming back. This seminar will improve the quality of my adverse expert depos tremendously

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Anonymous, 50 expert depos

Seminar rated "extremely high"...speaker "extremely high". The seminar will improve my practice of law, period. Musante lays out the logic and common sense of all case investigation, not just taking depositions.

Anonymous

The seminar was extremely informative. I would be very comfortable taking an expert deposition now. Musante is outstanding!

Allison Comment

Great teacher. I liked the enumerated arguments.

Jeff Lucas, 15 expert depos

Very practical seminar...I will utilize this. I wish I had attended 10 years ago (20!). Musante is excellent; very personable and compelling.

Anonymous, 100 expert depos

Good seminar...excellent speaker. This seminar gives me weapons to use when I don't have strong opinion attacks (or ways to bolster the opinion attack).

Russ Miller, 30+ expert depos

Excellent seminar...I can use this info in my next deposition. Musante is very clear and logical. He tries to make sure everyone understands his materials and the argument he is teaching/putting forward. The video of Dr. Baden allowed us to see and hear his demeanor, tone/inflection of voice, facial and body movements to questions. The seminar gives me a wealth of information and arguments to use, some of which I have not used before.

Inez Knight

Excellent speaker; very effective teaching tool using Baden to teach the arguments.

Eric Sarrafian

This seminar provides concise examples to support the presentation and thought-provoking ideas to use in deposing experts. Further it gives the reasoning behind why (or why not) to ask specific questions. Musante is excellent.  
Doris Beutel-Guthrie, 20+ expert depositions

The seminar provides practical info to use in every deposition. Musante's teaching ability is well thought out and easy to understand. This seminar will improve the quality of my adverse depositions 110%.  
Anonymous, 100+ expert depositions

Very practical seminar. I will be incorporating many suggestions, lines of questioning in my next expert deposition plan. Great teacher! This seminar will make a huge difference in improving my ability to encapsulate points, which now must be compiled from various places in the deposition.  
Sarah Kerrigan, 100 expert depositions

Very good seminar; forces creative thinking about expert testimony. It will force me to abstract the logic of any deponent instead of giving him the benefit of assumptions. Musante is outstanding.  
Joseph Morris, 1 expert deposition

Lots of food for thought in this seminar. Great to see ideas listed in this fashion. Musante is excellent; he kept my attention. Good voice. Good approach.  
Anonymous, "lots" of expert depositions

UTAH

Comments from [Salt Lake City](#) 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 ever attended. Superb balance of well prepared presentation, with relevant examples and humor. Time went very fast, i.e., no boredom!! Using concepts will greatly improve my ability to focus on important issues of fact and recognize how to expose false testimony and use it to my best advantage.  
Raymond Hintze, 31-yr attorney, 150 depositions

Great seminar. Energizing instructor. Provides a thoughtful practical approach to depositions.  
Stewart Hanson, 37-yr attorney, 200+ depositions

Excellent and very practical. Excellent delivery, good examples and rapport with class. Far more insightful and useful than other full-day seminars.

Edward O. Ogilvie, 22-yr atty, 150 depos

Extremely straightforward and useful. Helpful in showing application to real court situations. Musante is very knowledgeable and dynamic; keeps audience interested.

Vernon Stejskal, 7-yr atty, 5 depos

Very helpful, great education. Very polished instruction, kept the audience's attention using various mediums.

Alain Balmanno, 20-yr atty

Very informative as to strategy and tactics. Musante's enthusiasm and extensive preparation make the time fly by. More informative and entertaining than other seminars.

Mitchell Jones, 10-yr atty

I'm not a "litigator," but we all have to represent clients at depositions. This seminar will cause me to prep my client for the deposition much more thoroughly. Musante is very entertaining and the examples are very good. Speaks with knowledge of personal experiences which breeds trust. This is one of the best presentations we've ever had in these seminars.

Bryce Pettey, 27-yr atty

This is the best ever. Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. It will give me more confidence.

Anonymous

Very useful seminar. Musante is excellent. Good variety, incredible energy. Interesting. I expect this to improve my practice.

Robert Smith, 22-yr atty

I didn't fall asleep after lunch in this one ... a first! A good overview with useful information. Musante puts a lot of energy into the presentation, examples were effective in keeping interest. I will look at depositions as a valuable tool now.

Neal Hart, 2-yr atty

Very few seminars will hold your attention for a full day. This one succeeds. Very well organized with a high entertainment factor. Musante proved to me that a deposition should be looked at as the trial ... not preparation for the trial. I do not do many depositions ... this seminar actually makes me want to do more.

John Bradley, 13-yr atty, 6 depositions

Very valuable presentation. Definitely expands my thinking and will improve how I approach all steps in litigation, not just depositions.

Alan Stubbs

Excellent practical information and advice! Extraordinary variety of teaching techniques: video, slides, stories, personal experience, current events, voice inflection, all merged into a coherent presentation. Much more entertaining and much more memorable information than other full-day seminars. This one kept my interest and attention. This seminar will thoroughly improve my adverse depositions.

Alan B. Sevison, 7-yr atty, 2 depositions

Much more extensive set of guidelines for taking depositions than any other seminar I have attended. This seminar will have an immediate positive impact on obtaining useful information from depositions.

Clark Snelson, 17-yr atty, 25-30 depositions

One of the best practice seminars I've attended. Very informative and helpful. Musante's great. He is entertaining as well as informative. I feel re-energized and look forward to applying the techniques.

Barbara Ochoa, 19-yr atty, 100+ depositions

The best. Excellent -- maybe the most useful I've seen -- certainly the best on trial and deposition skills. A better blending of deposition uses and techniques with practical applications at trial.

Anonymous, 23-yr atty, 300-500 depositions

Good practical content for my civil practice. Musante is very entertaining; holds the audience, good communicator. More entertaining than others I've attended. Made me realize how important it is to conduct well thought out, purposeful depositions. Will definitely affect my use of depositions and my strategy.

Paul McConkie, 11-yr atty, 5 depositions

No comparison to others! Musante still had my attention at the end of the day. Good job getting us to think "outside the box." Excellent practical applications. Discovery will take a whole new role. Preliminary hearings have an additional purpose as well.

Paul Graf, 24-yr atty

Great! Up there with the excellent ones. Wonderful teacher and speaker.  
Anonymous, 9-yr atty

Stellar, topnotch, brilliant, life-altering.  
Jason Perry, 4-yr atty

Excellent. Better than most. This was an affirmation of my rules, but I wish others would realize this is the way to go. Reinforces and adds a few new tricks.  
Bless Young, 30-yr atty, 500+ depos

A masterful blend of practical advice, war stories, humor, and good and bad examples from famous cases.  
Fred Voros

First rate seminar. Overflows with a common sense approach to the task. Musante is very precise and entertaining. I didn't see anyone sleeping. This seminar will improve my deposition-taking quality by light years.  
Steve Taylor, 8-yr atty, 3 depos

One of the best seminars...great teacher.  
John S. Chindlund, 29-yr atty, 200+ depos

Very useful seminar...it challenged my firmly-held beliefs in a manner that was insightful and perhaps more importantly practical. Superior seminar.  
Edward Stone, 6-yr atty, 100 depos

Excellent seminar...it ties together some deposition concepts I have unconsciously developed on my own and added a great deal more.  
Stephen W. Cook, 30-yr atty, 3000+ depos

Excellent seminar--it has provided, and reinforced, many important practical issues. Musante is clear, organized, has good material to emphasize points and assist in remembering for later use.  
Brenda L. Flanders, 21-yr atty, 100+ depos

Seminar's practical value = 8.5 out of 10 (as a gauge, most/average CLEs rate about a 5 out of 10). Musante's a 9 out of 10!  
Thomas Isom, 5-yr atty, 1 depo

Excellent seminar...liked the powerpoint presentation.  
Craig M. Snyder, 31-yr atty, 700 depositions

This seminar is much more valuable and entertaining than others...extremely practical, interesting examples!  
Ryan Hancey, 2-yr atty, 10 depositions

Musante's presentation is engaging; other one-day seminars have been a challenge to sit through with meaningful learning and listening. Musante keeps the discussion interesting; great powerpoint graphics to illustrate each point.  
Patricia A. Kreis, 2-yr atty, 2 depositions

Excellent seminar...much better than most. This seminar will help me focus to improve the quality of my adverse depositions. Conducting depositions is often done too haphazardly.  
Wynn Bartholomew, 27-yr atty, 200+ depositions

Excellent...superior!  
Kent B. Linebaugh, 40-yr atty, hundreds of depositions

Very practical seminar...takes the fear out of doing these! I feel like a killer deposer now!  
Musante is very good...engaging...kept interest level high.  
Traci Gunderson, 2-yr atty, 3 depositions

Musante's presentation was well-organized in a way to emphasize important points. Good presentation of a broad subject in a short time. This seminar was more interesting than usual.  
Daniel Bailey, 4-yr atty, 5 depositions

This seminar was better than expected. The examples used are very helpful--real life examples are much better than dry text. Musante does a nice job analyzing answers in depth to demonstrate why the next question needs to be asked.  
David C. Wright, 15-yr atty, 200+ depositions

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"Attacking the Expert's Opinion"

In 20 years of attending CLE, this is literally the first seminar I have actually enjoyed. Musante is excellent, good sense of humor. Will improve my adverse expert depositions a great deal.

Michael Boyer

Excellent! Superior to others. The "Expert Chart" gives the constructs to an inexact science.  
Kent Linebaugh, 50 expert depos

Practical content; applies the abstract to actual court testimony. Musante has good delivery; held my attention and interest; good energy.  
Jimi Mitsunaga, 12 expert depos

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. Best structure for analysis of expert testimony I've ever seen. Can't wait to try it out!  
Charles W. Hanna, 30 expert depos

Great practical content; Musante is better than "great." No comparison to other "expert" depo seminars.  
Mark A. Flores, 15 expert depos

Excellent instructor. Very good practical content. Will improve the quality of my adverse expert depositions significantly.  
Chase Kimball, 5 expert depos

Presentation helped distill different ideas, approaches into a coherent, unified approach. Will improve my adverse expert depos very much, better focused.  
Robert Denton, 2 expert depos

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. The "Expert Chart" is a great learning tool, and the use of Dr. Baden's testimony an excellent teaching tool. My adverse expert depositions will improve 100%.  
Kevin Jones

Musante's logic and demonstration is persuasive. His teaching ability is high; he communicates well and teaches at a practical, understandable level.  
Evan A. Schmutz, 50-75 expert depos

Very good and informative. Musante is excellent, engaging.  
Eric Stephenson

Great practical content. Great instructor. No comparison to others. Worth the money.

Chris Laurence

Very, very useful and practical for all expert depositions. Obviously a lot of thought and preparation went into this seminar. Musante presented the material in an interesting and lively manner. Commanded class participation; is obviously an "expert" on the material and knows how to teach in a concise and understandable manner. He has taught me how to approach and conduct and adverse expert deposition. Very enjoyable!

Kathe Liuzzi, 8 expert depositions

Very helpful, fun and practical!

Carolyn Pence

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. Will improve my adverse expert depositions immensely.

Lisa Petersen, 2 expert depositions

One of the best.

Mark L. Anderson, 30 expert depositions

Exceptional seminar; excellent instructor. Very worthwhile. My ability to depose experts will be enhanced by having attended this seminar.

Paul R. Frischknecht, 25 expert depositions

## VERMONT

Comments from [Vermont](#) 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 excellent seminar. The thesis is important in changing the common view of discovery depositions as mere discovery. Confronts conventional wisdom. Musante is lively and entertaining. Video clips and transcripts were enlightening. This seminar ranks in the top 10%.

Keith Aten, 11-yr attorney, 100s of adverse depositions

Excellent seminar. High energy and engaging speaker while rapid-firing volumes of valuable information.

Paula McCann, 10-yr attorney

Practical content of this seminar rated very high. Musante rated very high...engaging, interesting, challenging. This is probably the best seminar I've attended.

Paul Perkins, 7-yr atty, 75 adverse depos

An informative and useful seminar. Very good speaker. I don't need CLE credit for tomorrow's class, but I'm coming back anyway. This seminar is the best in years.

Dennis Johnson, 25-yr atty, 70 adverse depos

Seminar content is instinctive; teacher is engaging. The seminar discussion crystallized techniques I have learned and developed over the years but never reduced to writing.

Anonymous, 11-yr atty, 100s of adverse depos

A very practical seminar. Musante is captivating and interesting. Seminar moved along quickly. Good aids. I did not want the class to end.

Tracee Oakman, 17-yr atty, 100 adverse depos

I liked the teacher's speaking and teaching abilities. Good use of humility to criticize...humble...many lawyers have ego issues.

James Conway, 2-yr atty

The seminar reinforced some aspects of my deposition technique. I find that the information will help me focus on the depositions I take. There is a lot of information which was presented in an entertaining manner...good substantive presentation. This seminar was much more enlightening than others. Most seminars are practice-specific. After 16 years in practice, I'm surprised by any info that can help me be a better lawyer. This seminar will do that.

D. Lance Tillinghast, 16-yr atty, 50 adverse depos

A useful way to look at taking depositions. It will make me rethink the way I approach depo preparation. Musante has lots of energy. He moved along at a good pace and stuck to schedule. He knows his subject well. Good use of visuals. This seminar will make me think harder about the use of open vs. leading questions. I'll also focus harder on building firewalls.

Bob Miller, 20-yr atty, 100 adverse depos

Excellent seminar...so happy that there was little in the way of war stories. This seminar will help focus out interview questions and get better results.

Christine Boraker, 4-yr atty, 20 adverse depos

Excellent practical content! Fast-paced, but very effective. Musante is very entertaining and informative ... a good mix.

Heidi Groff, 4-yr atty

Much, much better than other full-day seminars. Excellent practical content; excellent instructor.

Jamie Preston, 10-yr atty, 150 adverse depositions

Much better than most. Practical content: A. Instructor: A.

Jack Welch, 30-yr atty, scores of adverse depositions

Outstanding compared to others. Excellent advice and entertaining material. I will definitely change my tactics.

Rick Johnson, 4-yr atty, 10 adverse depositions

This seminar couldn't be better ... and I am a trial lawyer, adjunct advocacy professor and frequent CLE speaker. Musante cuts to the quick; excellent ability to eliminate fluff without self-promotion.

Dale Jefferson, 16-yr atty, "too many bad depositions," Martin, Disiere, Jefferson & Wisdom, Houston

This seminar is in a different league. Top notch teacher ... excellent, useful seminar content. I can look back at depositions/exams where I succeeded versus not, and now recognize exactly why. These rules are already helping me to prepare for an upcoming deposition. I look forward to the task now, rather than looking at it as sifting through piles of documents.

David Herlihy, 10-yr atty, lots of depositions

Seminars of this type are rare. A very thorough and practical seminar; an informative and entertaining teacher. This seminar will provide a framework for me to prepare and analyze deposition testimony.

Drew Palcsik, 1-yr atty, 5 depositions

It is never possible to get 10 pounds in one pound bag ... an heroic effort from Musante to cover as much as he did. I learned deposition taking at the hands of masters, and in the school of hard knocks—the trial courts and administrative tribunals of our state. This seminar would improve the quality of my depositions quantifiably were I not in the twilight of my litigation life. An excellent seminar ...an outstanding teacher.

Thomas Salmon, 40-yr atty, 350 depositions

Excellent practical content. Excellent real-world examples.

Anonymous, 10-yr atty

Excellent practical content. Musante is very good and covers a great deal of material.  
Superior to other full-day litigation seminars.  
Harold D. Eaton, 21-yr atty, 900 depositions

Quite useful. Musante is excellent, entertaining and insightful.  
Geoff Fitzgerald, 16-yr atty, 100+ depositions

More comprehensive and therefore more valuable than most. Excellent practical content;  
excellent instructor.  
Kim Schneller, 6-yr atty, 20 depositions

Superior to most seminars I have attended. Excellent practical content; excellent instructor.  
Jack McCullough, 22-yr atty

Entertaining and better than others. Excellent practical content; excellent instructor.  
Kent Penfield, 3-yr atty, 5 depositions

Excellent. A great compilation of material that I will need to incorporate into my own stylistic  
approach.  
Anonymous, 16-yr atty, 200+ depositions

Best I've attended so far. WHACK! will resonate the rest of my career.  
Jan Dembinski, 2-yr atty, 4 depositions

Very helpful. Musante is excellent!  
Tim Collins, 16-yr atty

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor.  
R. Brock, 31-yr atty, "lots" of depositions

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. Better information and more practical than  
others.  
Karen Bargstrom, 6-yr atty, 10 depositions

Far better than any other. Excellent practical content: interesting and practically useful. Musante is excellent. I've used some of these techniques, never this consistently. Musante's points ring true with logic and experience.  
Anonymous, 8-yr atty, 20 adverse depos, Montpelier

"The 25 Credibility Arguments for Deposition and Trial"  
A well organized and well presented seminar. Musante is a skilled presenter. "A+". He makes learning easy and enjoyable.  
Jonathan Stevens, 25-yr atty, 20 adverse depos

A well organized seminar. Lots of use of "famous" criminal trials. Excellent speaker...keeps on track.  
Karen Allen, 6-yr atty, 50 adverse depos

This seminar will be useful in my practice. Musante is articulate...excellent use of visuals, written materials.  
Jesse Corum IV, 26-yr atty

Excellent seminar. Good pace and engaging speaker.  
Christine Boraker, 4-yr atty, 20 adverse depos

Excellent seminar. This seminar will improve the quality of my adverse depos 100%.  
Jan Dembinski, 5-yr atty, 8 adverse depos

Informative seminar for preparing technique. An engaging and entertaining speaker.  
Evan Lundeen

Musante has an excellent teaching ability...he's passionate about the subject; very organized. Video clips were a critical component of program. Graphics were excellent. As someone who prepares new Powerpoint presentations for all my classes, I have some notion on the time involved. I found myself listening to and enjoying the presentation to a degree that I certainly had not expected.  
M. Rushman

A helpful seminar. Great speaker...great sense of humor. This seminar will make me more aware of the way the deponent uses language. It also reinforces the necessity of thinking on one's feet.  
Anonymous, 18-yr atty, 100s of adverse depos

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

Excellent! The best presenter I have seen in a CLE. Excellent practical content. Very good info/suggestions/techniques. Great use of technology too.

Heidi Groff

As valuable as any other full-day seminar. Very helpful framework for expert depositions. Musante is engaging and interesting. "Opinion" attacks were great.

David Boadt

Excellent practical content. Musante captivated the audience. Excellent use of video and power points to provide examples, and effectively tie-in of abstract concepts in concrete examples.

Todd Schlossberg, 25+ expert depositions

Very good; sets up a framework that you can use for all expert depositions.

Shannon Beltrand, 5 expert depositions

Very good practical content. Info relevant and necessary. Quality very good -- practical and aggressive methods applicable to any type of expert -- provides a great framework for practical use.

Laura Pelosi

Excellent practical content. Musante is incredibly talented. Well worth the \$\$!

Richard Holmes

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. Best (and only) "expert" seminar.

John R. Hughes, Jr., 20 expert depositions

Very effective. Smooth presentation. Equal to or better than others.

Matt Hart, 10 expert depositions

Highly practical. Musante is excellent.

Anonymous

Much better than most. Good use of examples from real situations. I'll come again next year!

Anonymous

Very informative and useful ... bottom line ... much, much more preparation time needed before depo. Musante is excellent.  
Anonymous, 5 expert depositions

More useful and practical than most. Very helpful to organize my approach to expert depositions.  
Anonymous, 10 expert depositions

Solid content. Higher value than most. Musante is excellent; high energy. "Opinion" attacks are excellent.  
Anonymous, 100+ expert depositions

Very useful and practical for any type of depo. Good dynamic presentation.  
Anonymous, 4 expert depositions

## VIRGINIA

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

Superb seminar! Superb speaker! Seminar among the elite in quality and value. My adverse depositions will improve at least 100%.  
Charles Rowan, 23-yr atty, 100 adverse depositions, Unisys Corp, Alexandria

Dynamic speaker. Technique very good for pinning down witnesses.  
Nicholas H. Cobbs, 30-yr atty, 100+ adverse depositions, Alexandria

Highly rated seminar. Excellent. Great speaker.  
Richard Dezio, 3 adverse depositions, Alexandria

Extremely useful seminar. Excellent speaker...lively, engaging and informative. Seminar is as good as any...better than most. Will significantly improve the quality of my adverse depositions.  
Geoffrey McNutt, 4-yr atty, 3 adverse depositions

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. Please present other Musante seminars!  
Anne W. White, 30-yr atty, 100+ adverse depositions, Alexandria

Outstanding seminar...a fresh, entertaining and valuable way of making lawyers think instead of following the cookbook. Musante has a great command of his subject.  
Anonymous

Good practical content with excellent real-life examples and critiques. Very good teaching ability, esp. at keeping audience's attention.

Stacey Papp, 3-yr atty, Alexandria

Excellent seminar...very helpful in emphasizing the proper technique. Excellent speaker--very entertaining, speaks clearly, intelligently and without being repetitive or boring. The video clips worked very well--I particularly liked the fact that the clips were something that all can relate to.

Anonymous

Superb seminar--right on the money. Excellent, engaging speaker.

Anonymous

Very useful seminar. Engaging, energetic speaker.

Anonymous, 22-yr atty, 50 adverse depos, Alexandria

What a great seminar...fun, interesting and informative. I'm going to the second seminar ... another whole day!

Anonymous, Alexandria

Helpful seminar...more useful than most. Great speaker...more captivating than most speakers.

Anonymous, Alexandria

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. Top 10.

Anonymous, 20-yr atty, 50 adverse depos, Alexandria

Certainly the best seminar, if not THE best. Will definitely improve quality of my adverse depos.

Anonymous, 13-yr atty, 100 adverse depos, Alexandria

Helpful and thought-provoking on potential for deposition uses and also meaningful suggestions on techniques to implement. Seminar very different from others...faster-paced, substantially unique.

Anonymous, Alexandria

Very useful in thinking about depositions where settlement is the objective/likely result.

Exceptionally good use of Powerpoints. Seminar better than any other presentation I have attended on this topic.

Anonymous, 7 adverse depositions, Alexandria

Excellent teacher...kept class well engaged with speaking style, computer graphics and media clips.

Anonymous, Alexandria

Quite useful seminar...excellent speaker. Gives me a good, logical platform upon which to build the impeachment "snippets" for use at trial or settlement.

Mark Byrum, 16-yr atty, 30 adverse depositions, Alexandria

Organized, creative, thorough, good examples, enjoyable allusions. This seminar went by fast! Seminar has the most specific and useful advice.

Anonymous, Alexandria

Thought-provoking seminar...many practical tools. Musante very good although oddly defensive and confrontational. He's both arrogantly confident and insecure. This seminar is among the most useful and thought-provoking I've attended. I would recommend this seminar to my partners/associates.

Anonymous, 22-yr atty, 250 adverse depositions, Alexandria

Terrific seminar. Great speaker. Best seminar I've attended.

Anonymous, 16-yr atty, lots & lots of adverse depositions

Excellent seminar...very few tangents...good examples. Musante very good...keeps things simple, repeats basic principles so they're embedded in my head. This seminar definitely kept my attention better than others.

Jennifer Weiss, 10-yr atty, 5 adverse depositions, Alexandria

Seminar superior to others I have taken...actually kept my interest.

Paul C. Miller, 12-yr atty, 25+ adverse depositions

Excellent seminar ... speaker very good ... kept my interest.

Ann Killalea, 20-yr atty, 100s of adverse depositions, Alexandria

Excellent seminar. Everything about the seminar is practical, providing useful techniques and the "science" of cross-examination. Excellent speaker...he understandably conveyed a lot of info in a short time. Good use of examples.

David Goldberg, 11-yr atty, 200 adverse depositions, Tysons Corner

Highly practical seminar. Musante really gave us the "how to" for an effective and "killer" depositions. Musante very engaging...he presented info in a clear and entertaining manner, also providing easy-to-remember summaries by the material.

Liz Fineberg, 6-yr atty, 6-10 adverse depositions, Tysons Corner

Useful seminar...good speaker. He's humorous...prevents whiplash injuries from nodding off. Will help me to be more alert to narrowing and fixing the adverse witness's testimony.

Tom Swiers, 12-yr atty, 75+ adverse depositions, Tysons Corner

Very helpful seminar...food for thought in preparing for my next depo. Musante is articulate...continued to hold my attention throughout the day.

Alfred F. Arquilla, 20-yr atty, 10-15 adverse depositions, Tysons Corner

Excellent seminar...would love to spend a week on this subject. Not a wasted minute. Excellent speaker...engaging, humorous. Great examples...memorable. Convinced me of the wisdom of leading questions and use of impeachment evidence during the depo; the point that depo is the trial is well taken.

Geoffrey T. Hervey, 18-yr atty, 150 adverse depositions, Bregman, Berbert, Schwartz & Gilday, Tysons Corner

I am extremely excited about what I've learned here ... its practical application will be immediate. Musante is fabulous. He presents an extraordinary amount of information in an entertaining and effective way. This course and Posner & Dodd's course are the best courses I have ever taken. Have Musante back! I'll recommend this course to my colleagues.

Paula DeMuth, 17-yr atty, 15 adverse depositions, Tysons Corner

Very helpful seminar on practical points. Musante very understandable...keeps attention of audience well. Definitely more practical than other like seminars.

Alan Bowden, 6-yr atty, 15 adverse depositions, Bean, Kinney & Korman, Tysons Corner

Useful and stimulating seminar. Musante was born [to teach].

Anonymous, Alexandria

Very useful seminar...it's nice to get a fresh viewpoint on the subject.

Anonymous, 14-yr atty, 12 adverse depositions, Alexandria

A valuable checklist, plan of attack, review of the elements required for a successful deposition of an adverse witness. Excellent speaker, engaging and informative.

Anonymous, 28-yr atty, 1000 adverse depositions

Extremely helpful seminar. Great speaker. Seminar much more informative than others.  
Matt Banks, 14-yr atty, Hamilton, Altman, Canale & Dillon, Alexandria

One of the best seminars I've attended. Seminar full of useful, practical advice on how to maximize the impact and effectiveness of adverse witness depositions. Musante very effective, engaging, and appropriately entertaining.  
Ann-Kelley Kemper, 9-yr atty, 8 adverse depositions, Tysons Corner

Seminar better than most seminars by providing information that makes sense in practice, worthwhile information that I can practically apply.  
Anonymous, 6-yr atty, 100+ adverse depositions, Tysons Corner

This seminar is the highest quality to date. Very effective use of multimedia coupled with lecture. Excellent speaker.  
Robert A. Swick, 7-yr atty, 40 adverse depositions, Tysons Corner

Terrific seminar...excellent speaker. I would like to take Musante's other seminar, if offered.  
Anonymous, Tysons Corner

Extremely helpful. Excellent use of media and graphics. Seminar much better than the McElheney course. I will preview and craft questions and arguments much more thoroughly.  
Anonymous, 33-yr atty, 150+ adverse depositions, Tysons Corner

Seminar better than most. Excellent speaker. The use of well known cases made material more interesting and entertaining.  
Anonymous, 3-yr atty, 25 adverse depositions, Tysons Corner

Seminar highly useful...punctured myths with sharp logic worthy of a Jesuit. Enjoyable speaker, current and frenetic. Seminar in top 10%.  
Bill Hassan, 26-yr atty, 1000 adverse depositions, Tysons Corner

Good seminar, but fast. Excellent speaker. This seminar will spur me on to take the time and energy and money to prepare, prepare, prepare.  
Anonymous, 18-yr atty, 12 adverse depositions, Tysons Corner

Excellent seminar...provides the teaching tools to maximize chances of winning the case.  
Superb speaker. Seminar better than the vast majority.  
William H. Henry, 16-yr atty, 50 adverse depositions, Tysons Corner

I have never heard this approach to depositions before, but it is logical and I will apply it in my practice. Outstanding speaker.  
Scarlett Grose, 4-yr atty, Tysons Corner

Top-notch practical techniques and logical reasons for those techniques. Excellent speaker who moves seminar along at a good pace. His characterizations of scenarios help cement the concepts in the brain. My adverse depositions will improve 1000 times. Great techniques...I hope to "master" them!  
Amy M. Jones-Baskaran, 4-yr atty, 2 adverse depositions, Tysons Corner

Better than any other I've attended for the last two years. Well worth coming. OUTSTANDING and very engaging speaker. Will do more than improve my adverse depositions ... will also help in dealing with arguing policies in government.  
Anonymous, Tysons Corner

Very helpful seminar. Musante presents material in an entertaining manner. Seminar more engaging than most.  
Anonymous, 20-yr atty, 500+ adverse depositions, Chandler, Franklin & O'Brien, Tysons Corner

Very useful seminar. I once litigated against a California lawyer whose deposition technique I greatly admired...I now recognize what he was doing! Musante very good...articulate, entertaining, and for the most part, able to express his ideas clearly.  
Anonymous, 20-yr atty, 100s of adverse depositions, Tysons Corner

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. Seminar well above average.  
Daniel Cantu, 5-yr atty, 15 adverse depositions, Gibson Dunn & Crutcher, Tysons Corner

Very good seminar...good examples...eye-opening explanation of seldom-covered topic. Better than the majority of other like seminars.  
David Saikel, 4-yr atty, Tysons Corner

Very useful info, presented in an interesting way. Especially liked Musante's use of current events and pop culture references to make his points. Musante was great...he kept me interested and engaged the entire course. His Powerpoints were very impressive and sometimes downright hilarious. All of Musante's ideas and techniques make perfect sense.

Sarah Minchener, 2-yr atty, 10 adverse depositions, Tysons Corner

Highly practical seminar. Excellent speaker...love the use of actual videos and specific examples of how to do things correctly. This seminar is much more engaging and interesting than others. I will put much more time and effort into mapping out the theory of the case before taking an adverse deposition.

Karen J. Harwood, 18-yr atty, 30 adverse depositions, Tysons Corner

Good seminar...Musante is interesting, challenging, thought-provoking. Excellent use of practical examples. Helpful techniques and themes to follow.

Alex Tomaszczuk, 20-yr atty, 40 adverse depositions, Shaw Pittman, Tysons Corner

Very good seminar...outstanding speaker. Seminar better than most others I've attended.

Anonymous, 24-yr atty, 100+ adverse depositions, Tysons Corner

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. Seminar better than 95% of others.

John McCahill, Rothwell, Figg, Ernst & Manbeck, Tysons Corner

He's great! Very informative seminar...much better than usual.

Shirley F. Keisler, 14-yr atty, 35 adverse depositions, Tysons Corner

Good content; very informative. Musante maintained attention throughout. Provides a more focused, disciplined approach to handling a deposition.

Alexander X. Jackins, 5-yr atty, 20 adverse depositions, Seyfarth Shaw, Tysons Corner

Filled with practical suggestions.

Dennis C. Kacoyanis, 25-yr atty, 10 adverse depositions, Tysons Corner

Better than most I've been to ... good teacher, good program.

William Tunner, 10-yr atty, 200 adverse depositions, Thompson & McMullan, Richmond

Content interesting, clear and easily applicable to my current practice. Musante is excellent; made an effort, both through the written materials and his presentation, to keep the course interesting. This will change how I draft my questions.

Tenley Seli, 8-yr atty, 50+ adverse depositions, Richmond

Far better than other full-day litigation seminars: interesting, informative and holds your attention. Will significantly improve the quality of my adverse depositions.

Kristie Haynes, 7-yr atty, Richmond

Musante made a number of interesting points and challenged conventional wisdom effectively.

Anonymous, 25 adverse depositions, Richmond

Very energetic and entertaining instructor, able to convey important principles with supportive examples. This will hopefully drastically improve my awareness of the issues at depositions.

Charles Hamiller, 1.5-yr atty, 2 adverse depositions, Richmond

Solid practical content; very good instructor.

Steve Cannella, 23-yr atty, 100s of adverse depositions, Richmond

The best out of the 7 all-day seminars that I have been to. Useful, concrete and coherent. Musante is clear, memorable and well-paced.

John Rasmussen, 9-yr atty, 15 adverse depositions, Richmond

One of the top seminars I've attended. Excellent practical content. Enjoyed the mixed media aspects of the presentation. Has given me energy and tools to do in-depth self-evaluation before and after each deposition.

Anonymous, 8-yr atty, 20+ adverse depositions, Richmond

Excellent practical content. I fully intend to study and implement Musante's advice/rules. He is an excellent instructor; very thorough, informative and interesting.

Cathie Howard, 18-yr atty, 100s of adverse depositions, Richmond

Superior seminar. Excellent practical content; presentation very well illustrated. Musante is outstanding; holds interest.

John F. Pyle, 17-yr atty, 100s of adverse depositions, Richmond

Excellent program mixed with good trial tactic approach. Musante is a very active and engaging speaker.

T. Cabell, Richmond

Very thought-provoking. I look forward to trying these new theories. Completely changed my way of taking depositions.

T. Hughes, 11-yr atty, 75 adverse depositions, Richmond

Excellent. Gives new rules for litigators to follow. Will give my depositions more structure; hits home their importance.

John D. Ayers, 1-yr atty, 2 adverse depos, Richmond

"The 25 Credibility Arguments"

Outstanding seminar...a fresh, entertaining and valuable way of making lawyers think instead of following the cookbook. Musante has a great command of his subject.

Warner F. Young, 21-yr atty, Fairfax

Excellent seminar...very helpful in emphasizing the proper technique. Excellent speaker--very entertaining, speaks clearly, intelligently and without being repetitive or boring. The video clips worked very well--I particularly liked the fact that the clips were something that all can relate to.

William Schladt, 23-yr atty, 300 adverse depos, Fairfax

Superb seminar--right on the money. Excellent, engaging speaker.

Christopher Bruno, 21-yr atty, numerous adverse depos, Fairfax

A very practical seminar. Musante is charismatic, animated and well-prepared--all strong teaching qualities. Excellent video clips. This seminar puts a theoretical framework in place to gauge my depositions and cross-examinations.

Anonymous, 6-yr atty, 2 adverse depos, Fairfax

Very good seminar...to the point. Musante seems to have a great knowledge about depos. A helpful and entertaining seminar. Musante is very good...spirited, organized. The seminar will help me become more focused in questioning. Best CLE in two years.

Anonymous, 2-yr atty, 10 adverse depos, Fairfax

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker.

Anne W. White, 30-yr atty, 50-100 adverse depos, Fairfax

The seminar was helpful in a broad sense. Excellent speaker...good use of demonstrative aids, good command of the material, and lively delivery. The video clips were quite good and effective.

L.K. Behan, 22-yr atty, "too many" adverse depos, Fairfax

It will be difficult to digest and master all of the technical aspects of this seminar, but I'm sure I will be able to apply quite a bit of this information. Musante is very organized and well spoken...very entertaining. This seminar has convinced me that I have to prepare a lot more prior to the depositions. I never fully appreciated the importance of the depo.  
Dan Brittenham, 2-yr atty, 3 adverse depositions, Fairfax

I liked that the seminar focused on the logic and systems for depo rather than a nuts and bolts approach. Excellent video clips for use as teaching points.  
Tim Purnell, 15-yr atty, 20 adverse depositions, Fairfax

Very interesting approach to deposition taking which has caused me to rethink my approach. Musante is entertaining and lively. The video clips make the seminar and are invaluable for entertainment as well as for teaching purposes.  
Anonymous, 8-yr atty, 500 adverse depositions, Fairfax

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. The credibility arguments are principles of psychology, logic and other sciences ably and cleverly organized as a course of lasting truths. The video clips are excellent in illuminating the teaching points. Musante has done a great job in assembling these clips for the course. Musante has helped organize my thinking about the psychology of trial, etc. which can aid me in several areas.  
MacDougal Rice, 47-yr atty, Fairfax

Very good distillation of the objectives of an adverse deposition and techniques for each objective. Also provocative and well argued rationale for attacking credibility in deposition. Excellent speaker--well prepared, thorough, entertaining and focused. This seminar will help me by insuring that I focus on the credibility issues better and exploit them/prepare for them at trial.  
Anonymous, 25-yr atty, 50 adverse depositions, Fairfax

Enjoyed hearing Musante's views on how to contest the "I don't know/I don't remember" answers so commonly given...you have given me much information to consider. Musante's teaching ability is wonderful...great mix of video, examples and insight. Videos were extremely helpful and poignant.  
Michael Sherlin, 13-yr atty, 75 adverse depositions, Fairfax

An intriguing, insightful and challenging seminar. An engaging, interesting and high energy speaker.  
Christopher Harris, 3-yr atty, Fairfax

Good "big picture" analysis. Musante is very enthusiastic, knowledgeable. His abstract examples should facilitate deeper awareness of deponent's deceptions.

Adam Macaluso, 8-yr atty, Fairfax

This seminar provides helpful insight about how to evaluate and overcome common credibility arguments that attorneys encounter in depositions. Effective speaker.

Anonymous, 8-yr atty, 11 adverse depositions, Fairfax

Great seminar! Best CLE I have ever attended. Musante kept my attention. Fantastic videos...a tremendous amount of effort.

Roger Mackey, 30-yr atty, 100s of adverse depositions, Fairfax

A great refresher and presentation of important litigation tools. Musante establishes most effective way to focus on adverse depositions. He's excellent...wonderful combination of experience and entertaining teaching ability. His use of videos is an interesting and entertaining way to illustrate his teaching points.

John Dale, 20-yr atty, 100 adverse depositions, Alexandria

Excellent seminar...one of the best CLE programs I have attended in terms of usefulness and content. Excellent speaker...clear, concise, interactive, and interesting.

James Asselstine, Alexandria

Cases turn on facts and arguments. The facts exposed by reconstructing a deponent lead to winning arguments. This presentation is well designed and executed. An entertaining application of logic to topical political issues involving evasions of politicians similar to evasions encountered in depositions.

Brian McCormack, 32-yr atty, 150-200 adverse depositions, Alexandria

Highly rated seminar. Excellent speaker...interesting and compelling.

Mike Beasley, 25-yr atty, 40 adverse depositions, Alexandria

Great seminar...great and engaging speaker. Seminar gives me new ideas and helps me to reorganize tactics already used.

Elise Balkin, 4-yr atty, 20 adverse depositions, Alexandria

This seminar is very important to trial lawyers. An excellent and entertaining speaker.

Donald A. Clover, 29-yr atty, 800 adverse depositions, Alexandria

The practical content of this seminar is well thought out, explained, and substantial. Musante's ability to teach the topic of taking an adverse depo is excellent. He understands the purpose of depositions. The video clips kept the topics interesting and therefore aided in learning. This seminar helps me give labels to tactics that I should use when taking depositions.  
Ondray T. Harris, 7-yr atty, 20 adverse depositions, Richmond

Very practical and organized seminar. Much thought is given in how to present in a memorable way. Very valuable and carefully selected videos.  
John Rasmussen, 10-yr atty, 30 adverse depositions, Richmond

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. Probably best lecturer I have seen in a CLE.  
Pat O'Donnell, 14-yr atty, 60 adverse depositions, Richmond

This seminar made me consider/view depositions in a different light. I will be more thoughtful, detailed and aggressive from now on. Excellent speaker.  
Tamara Tucker, 8-yr atty, 50 adverse depositions, Richmond

There is ample practical content as reflected in the multiple examples of real trials and talk shows. Great teaching tools. Musante keeps the pace moving fast, which keeps the lecture format from getting stale and boring. Musante is precise at language and he incorporates great historical and literary references. Video clips really taught me how to listen carefully and critically, which is the key to effective cross-examination.  
Alexander C. Vincent, 5-yr atty, 8 adverse depositions, Richmond

## WASHINGTON

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

Without question, the most insightful, motivating and, above all, useful seminar I have ever attended. A must for any serious litigator. Musante is fantastic! His high-powered presentation will radically change your deposition practice for the better--forever.  
Ken Payson, Heller, Ehrman, White & McAuliffe

Thank you for the system of cross examining an opposing expert through deposition. I was able the next week to knock out all 3 bases of an opposing psychiatrist's opinion in an employment discrimination case, which soon after settled favorably. I look forward to your next seminar for any further developments in this powerful theory.  
Brian Roesch

Great theories and usable method of application. It works! Musante is lucid, focused and humorous. A great presentation. I am a repeat attendee, and plan on re-taking these seminars periodically. The best seminars (expert and adverse) in terms of both content and presentation that I've seen. If a slower pace is preferable, the solution would be to add time, not reduce material. (I have doubts whether it is possible to slow down Mr. Musante once he gets rolling!)  
Eric Einhorn, 25-50 expert depositions

Great practical concepts...Musante's skill is obvious--he knows his stuff!  
Elizabeth Van Moppes, 15 expert depositions, Jackson Lewis

Very good practical content. Very good instructor. As valuable as any skills seminar I have attended.  
Ron Gardner, 500 expert depositions

Very useful seminar. Helpful in pointing out principles that apply to deposition of any expert. Excellent instructor...a clear and entertaining presentation...love the examples from the Simpson trial.  
Eric Roth, Lukins & Annis

Great teacher...seminar content very helpful in breaking down elements of every expert's testimony.  
Kristin Schumacher, Perkins Coie

Outstanding content and instructor. Better seminar than almost any I've taken, with the exception of [Musante's] regular adverse depo seminar last year.  
Anonymous, 10 expert depositions

As a new attorney, I found the seminar very helpful...the content is something I'll take with me in preparing and taking depositions in the future. Musante is very passionate about the subject matter and makes the concepts easy to comprehend...he's an excellent teacher.  
Tom Larkin, Lee Smart et al

Excellent content. Outstanding instructor. Great, compared to other seminars.  
John Shumaker, 1 expert deposition

Fantastic practical content. Great mix of theories and examples.  
Anonymous

Excellent, dynamic presentation. Great instructor. Far more advanced than other litigation-skills seminars; based on life in the trenches.

Anonymous

Head and shoulders above other such seminars. Offers more than just a collection of boastful war stories. Musante is "first rate."

Seattle attorney

Very good practical content. Reinforces yesterday's (Adverse) seminar. Musante is fabulous.

Anonymous, 100 expert depositions

Same as yesterday: The best, most direct benefit seminar I have received on any topic. One of the best instructors that I can recall - dynamic, entertaining. This seminar's set of deposition rules goes beyond standard doctrine, thinks outside the box and is more useful.

Thomas R. Orr, 10-yr attorney, 50-100 depositions

Excellent practical content.

200+ expert depositions

Well above average. This will improve my preparation by organizing my thoughts and learning to listen.

15 expert depositions

Very practical; very helpful. Will improve my expert depositions greatly.

1 expert deposition

Excellent practical content. The constructs are great. The value of this seminar far exceeds any seminar on this subject I have attended in over 25 years, and the entire content of law school on this subject. I wish I had attended Musante's Boalt class. I am certain this class will measurably increase my ability and success in taking expert depositions.

Bob Dickerson, 300-500 expert depositions

Musante is excellent. In all CLE seminars, there is a direct correlation between the value of the seminar and the number of attendees who remain until the end of the day. Here (as in yesterday's Adverse seminar), the room was just as full at the end of the day as it was at the start of the day.

Dan L. Johnson, 30 expert depositions, Bullivant Houser Bailey

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. More useful than others ... systematizes good practice.

George Kresovich, 50+ expert depositions, Hillis Clark et al

Far and away superior to other CLEs I've seen. Musante is wonderful, engaging, easy to follow, great body language, obvious love and understanding of subject. It will change my way of taking expert depositions completely.

Marc L. Silverman, 20 expert depositions

I finally have a logical pattern around which to arrange an expert cross-examination. I feel confident to take on any sort of expert.

Seattle attorney

Very entertaining and intellectually stimulating. High energy, fast-paced speaker. Grabs your attention and keeps it.

Joseph Hunt, 10 expert depositions

Excellent practical content. Excellent instructor. Excellent compared to other seminars.

Anonymous

Excellent speaker...good examples...great looping reinforcement.

Mike Schechter, 0 expert depositions

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. The seminar will be a major help in moving from deposition to trial preparation.

James Niscack, 30 expert depositions

Very informative seminar...very skilled presenter. This is a top notch seminar that levels the playing field. The seminar gives me more confidence now that I have a methodical way of analyzing the expert's opinion.

Rob Lloyd, 10 expert depositions

Superb seminar...excellent speaker. Top notch. I hope the seminar will improve the quality of my adverse expert depositions 100 percent.

Gary East, 10 expert depositions

Enjoyable and informative seminar. Very good speaker. Seminar above average compared to others.

Robert H. Thompson, 3000 expert depositions

Nice use of Baden...very strong seminar. One of the most engaging CLEs of any I have attended in a very long time.

Dennis

Very good seminar...a lot of information to absorb all at once, but I think it will sink in on subsequent reviews of the materials. Excellent speaker.

Andrea S., 2 expert depositions

Seminar a "10"...speaker a "10"...value a "10".

Hendrikson

Comments from [Seattle](#) 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"

Hands down, the most entertaining, compelling, and informative seminar I have ever taken.

Musante is remarkable! He has the keen ability to illuminate the why's --not just the how to's-- of killer deposition practice. His approach to nailing the liar is revolutionary, engaging, and effective. Even the most seasoned litigator will come away humbled.

Ken Payson, Heller, Ehrman, White & McAuliffe

Very comprehensive, practical and useful, especially given the time constraints. Musante clearly communicates ideas/concepts and does so in an interesting manner. More practical than most and more easily applied to my needs than most. This seminar focused more on planning for the depo, including introducing good language into the transcript and using that during trial. I feel better prepared to approach depositions including planning for them, executing them and, most important, using them to resolve cases, both at trial and through settlement.

Sarah Heineman, Dorsey & Whitney

Excellent! I can only imagine that Musante takes inspiring depositions. Aside from his great enthusiasm, on its merits, it blows other CLEs away.

Dan Brown, 10-yr attorney, 50+ adverse depositions, Miller Nash

Full of content laden with great rules of application, not simply a lecture on instructor's own experience. I'm truly looking forward to putting it to use. Musante is wonderful; teaches with concrete examples. Largely flies in the face of every pretrial advocacy lesson I've ever attended. It will have an enormous positive impact on my deposition skills.

Elizabeth Van Moppes, 8-yr atty, 25 adverse depositions, Jackson Lewis

This seminar is far more valuable than others. This is a tactics course. Very informative with lots of helpful hints. Musante is excellent.

Joe Misenti, 6-yr atty, 50+ adverse depositions, Cozen O'Connor

I recommend this seminar to anyone interested in progressing as a litigator. Entertaining and informative; excellent practical information for the litigator.

James Jordan, 17-yr atty, 50+ adverse depositions, Miller Nash

Much better than others; great teaching ability. Entertaining and different. I've learned something new. It has inspired me to better prepare for depositions.

Rachel McCall, 9-yr atty, Dorsey & Whitney

Very good and useful practical content. Musante is excellent. It was interesting and I stayed alert ... most bar association CLEs leave me comatose by 10am. I am much more aware of how to conduct an adverse deposition.

Mike McCarty, 20-yr atty

Outstanding! Far superior rules to those I've previously employed. Musante is excellent, very dynamic. Can't help but improve the quality of my adverse depositions.

John Zobel, 17-yr atty, 200+ adverse depositions, Davis, Wright & Tremaine

This seminar is packed with new info. Has held my attention unlike no other seminar I've ever attended. Musante is excellent -- personable, understandable, maybe even eloquent. My tactics will change dramatically -- I am actually looking forward to my next adverse deposition.

John B. Farver, 15-yr atty, 30 adverse depositions, Peick & Associates

Very valuable, full of great practical advice. Musante is very effective; kept my attention all day, and that's not easy. The "rules" are much more rigorous than the principles I learned before. I expect it to improve my adverse depositions a great deal.

Eric Roth, 3-yr atty, Lukins & Annis

Far above average. Musante is very good and entertaining. Very good, distilled and practical advice.

Robert Gellatly, 18-yr atty, 250 adverse depositions, Luvera, Barnett, Brindley, Beninger & Cunningham

Excellent seminar. Practical and easy to understand. Musante is excellent; provided new and different approaches.

Bernard Bauman, 25-yr atty, 100+ adverse depositions

Very good, entertaining and involving. Better than the vast majority of seminars I've attended. Hopefully will assist me in going for the argument instead of the factoids.

Katee Knight, 15-yr atty, 100 adverse depositions, Mikkelborg, Broz, Wells & Frye

Excellent practical content; very good instructor. I have wanted some rules about depositions to make mine more effective.

Michelle Valier, 6-yr atty, 4 adverse depositions, Miller Nash

Blows them all away! Excellent practical content; Musante is superb. I recommend this seminar.

Ed St. Onge, 6-yr atty, 10 adverse depositions, Cozen O'Connor

Lively and useful! So glad I attended. Really glad to learn that so many of my normal ideas aren't actually helpful.

2-yr atty, 2 adverse depositions, Dorsey & Whitney

Very valuable and highly effective on a comparative basis. [Practical content] A+; [Instructor] A+. I have always known the depo is a trial; but [this] seminar brought this into serious focus. 50+ adverse depositions

The best, most direct benefit seminar I have received on any topic. One of the best instructors that I can recall - dynamic, entertaining. This seminar's set of deposition rules goes beyond standard doctrine, thinks outside the box and is more useful.

Thomas R. Orr, 10-yr atty, 50-100 adverse depositions

Thankfully, my very first deposition will be "Musante-compliant" and will engender good habits for practicing the art of cross-examination in my career to follow! [Musante] is a dramatist-philosopher-streetsmart lawyer who communicates crucial concepts with computer-aided panache and Drew Carey style.

Adam Karp, 2-mo. atty, 0 depositions

Very good. As a criminal lawyer, I am using this to enhance my cross-examination skills. I am finding this full of great concepts. I feel my knowledge/wisdom has been advanced 100%. One of the very best. Outstanding and stimulating to deposition preparation. Outstanding [instructor]; has top hand movements, voice modulation and keeps the interest of the class up.

Horton Smith, 48-yr atty, 40 adverse depositions

Excellent, one of the best ... an entirely new way of thinking about depositions. Jam-packed and interesting. Good use of "real life" examples. Changed my perception that depositions are simply open-ended fact-finding exercises.

Roxane Broadhead, 3-yr atty, 1 adverse deposition, Dorsey & Whitney

Topnotch compared to other full-day seminars. Very practical; lots of "universal" rules. Musante was excellent. Good explanation of the philosophical and logical basis for the rules.

Todd Fairchild, 17-yr atty, 75+ adverse depositions, Dorsey & Whitney

I enjoyed the multi-media presentation and upbeat pace of this CLE. There are several good nuggets offered by this seminar which I can use in my practice immediately. Mr. Musante is a good instructor with a lot of energy. [This seminar's set of deposition rules] are more broad, but highly applicable rules. They are better.

1-yr atty, a dozen adverse depositions

I'm taking away several nuggets I will apply to my practice tomorrow. I see depositions in a deference light now. Musante has the energy needed to keep a day-long seminar interesting. I now understand that taking a deposition means "It's show time."

Anonymous, Dorsey & Whitney

Better than most. [Practical content] very helpful. [Musante] good -- kept my attention; he selected good examples and kept the presentation visual and entertaining. I will use more "loaded" questions in depositions, and close the loop on weaknesses in their testimony.

Mark Clausen, 13-yr atty, 75+ adverse depositions

One of the best presentations I've ever attended. Engaging speaker...an "8+" (higher if not for audio glitches).

Kurt, 8-yr atty, 0 adverse depositions

Very high seminar...very good speaker. Seminar exceptionally good, esp. with years of deposition experience under my belt. Makes me anxious to rework my stock deposition questions.

Sue Hamilton, 20-yr atty, 300+ adverse depositions

I'm a student of deposition techniques...your principles are terrific and I intend to blend them into my approaches.

Anonymous, 30-yr atty

Very useful seminar. Speaker informative, entertaining, enjoyable, fast-paced.  
Chuck Mortiner, 6-yr atty, 10 adverse depositions

Very interesting seminar...excellent speaker. Examples are entertaining and right on point.  
Lauren Ransford

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. Seminar substantially above the pale.  
Anonymous, 43-yr atty, 100s of adverse depositions

Great seminar! Awesome speaker!  
William C. Foster, 15-yr atty, 2 adverse depositions

Seminar well thought out. Excellent speaker...presents information in a clear and logical manner.  
Reinforces important points. Captures and keeps students' attention.  
Steven List, 17-yr atty

Above average. Makes you think! Use of powerpoints excellent.  
Clark Richards, 30-yr atty, 750 adverse depositions, Lukins & Annis

Great! One of the best. Musante reminds me of Bob Costas, very credible and likable.  
Williams, Kastner & Gibbs attorney

Good, comprehensive and practical. Superior to most.  
7-yr atty, 30+ adverse depositions

Helpful in the sense that I have previously practiced impeachment-saving. Depo = trial has not  
been my approach, but will be now.  
8-yr atty, 40+ adverse depositions

Very high evaluation of practical content; examples are particularly valuable. It is more logically  
related to the actual goals of litigation.  
10-yr atty, 40 adverse depositions

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. Top 10%.  
13-yr atty, 100 adverse depositions

This seminar should fill one of the gaping holes in my trial practice -- I'll pay more attention -- and look forward to adverse depositions from now on. I would rate the practical content quite highly. I'll know more after I put this stuff to use. [Musante] very skillful. He obviously knows his subject thoroughly and imparts his lessons with great impact.

15-yr atty

One of the best seminars. [I] will use techniques next week. Great job; very animated. [This seminar's set of deposition rules] different, non-traditional.

5-yr atty, 50+ adverse depositions

Lots of good practical advice offered with clear examples of how they can be utilized. Very practical. Excellent instructor. [This seminar's set of deposition rules] is different -- especially the notion of using impeachment now.

Erin Overbey, 3-yr atty, 15 adverse depositions

One of the most valuable seminars. [Practical content] should prove extremely practical. Great teacher. Why couldn't my law professors be nearly this good??

25-yr atty, 10-20 adverse depositions

Excellent. [This seminar's set of deposition rules] very different; glad to see someone debunk "waiting for trial" -- always thought key to discovery was to getting to the bottom of everything before it's too late.

5-yr atty, 3 adverse depositions

This is one of the best CLEs I have attended. I actually learned something!

1-yr atty, 3 adverse depositions

[This CLE] in the top rank in terms of interest, practical value, and entertaining presentation. Very high [practical content]; Excellent [instructor].

Steven Russell, 23-yr atty, 100s of adverse depositions

Extremely helpful. Should be mandatory for lawyers w/ less than 10 years experience -- no -- make it mandatory for all lawyers.

Evan Inslee, 43-year attorney, 1000+ adverse depositions

By far the most informative and entertaining CLE I have attended. Excellent. Very practical and useful for many areas of practice, not just adverse depositions. Outstanding [teaching ability], very good mix of information, humor and entertainment.  
Kathy Weber, 3-year attorney, 2 adverse depositions

This seminar is as valuable, or even more so, as any I have attended. The information is of the highest magnitude of practical value. [Musante] is highly energetic and entertaining, with a knack for sticking to and moving through a very full substantive agenda.  
David Lawyer, 13-year attorney, 75 adverse depositions

Among the best 5% of CLEs. Very good practical content. Excellent instructor.  
Steve Durkee, 25-yr atty, 150 adverse depositions

Excellent and invaluable. It provided structure and methodology to a process which is so frequently approached and described in a random fashion.  
3-year attorney, 2 adverse depositions

Excellent. It works best for people like me who have some experience to correlate with his ideas. Wish I'd taken it years ago.  
12-year attorney, 100 adverse depositions

As good as any CLE I've ever taken. Very useful, clear, to the point and focused.  
8-year attorney, 40 adverse depositions

Top notch. Good theory married with practical execution. [Most useful aspect] dealing with deponent's evasiveness and how to turn seemingly harmful testimony to your favor.  
Craig Evezich, 7-year attorney, 150+ adverse depositions

Probably the best CLE I've attended. Very practical, can't wait to try it out. Simple logic to follow. WHACK and CRAP. I will never forget the logic.  
6-year attorney, 20 adverse depositions

Excellent. Far superior to others. Very original. Outstanding instructor. Will be a huge improvement for my adverse depositions.  
26-yr atty, 100 adverse depositions

One of the best. [Most useful aspect] practical techniques to follow up adverse witnesses who use "crap", rather than giving up and hoping the witness' evasive demeanor will harm him at trial.

11-year attorney, 50 adverse depositions

A little more expensive than usual, but given the importance of depositions in a litigation practice, definitely worth it. We all know a good cross-examiner when we see it, but this seminar revealed the logic to doing it. Extremely useful and relevant to my practice...[Musante] very good, very engaging and energetic. [Most useful aspect] definitely the logic/framework for preparing for and conducting depositions. It's all common sense, but to have it put into a working model is invaluable.

3-year attorney, 10 adverse depositions

Excellent practical content; wonderful instructor. Engaging and entertaining ... no down time! Musante's "rules" are vastly different. I previously approached depositions as investigative not as trial. Will immensely improve the quality of my adverse depositions.

11-yr attorney, 7 adverse depositions

Musante is very enthusiastic; presents material in a clear and understandable manner. I will more likely impeach in deposition as opposed to waiting for trial.

1-yr attorney, 5 adverse depositions

Very good. Musante's "rules" much more conceptual and broadly applicable than mine. The concept of creating problems for the witness through opinions/values should greatly improve my depositions.

20-yr attorney, 30 adverse depositions

Engagingly taught. Much more informative than other CLEs. Not having much experience, I think this seminar will help me build good, rather than bad, habits.

2-year attorney, 2 adverse depositions

## WEST VIRGINIA

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

Excellent seminar...will also help in cross exam in court. Musante is very engaging. Seminar is much better than past seminars taken.

Mark French, 4-yr attorney, 10 adverse depositions

Outstanding seminar. Musante has a flair for teaching...an engaging teacher with clarity, energy...kept my attention. One of the best seminars.  
O.A. Jane, 40-yr atty, 150 adverse depos

Great teacher...great job. A 10 out of 10  
Jay Gerber, 2-yr atty, 3 adverse depos

Excellent seminar...good speaker. Some descriptions are too complicated for the speed used. Seminar better than most.  
Tom Smith, 19-yr atty, 250 adverse depos

I'll be able to apply the rules immediately! Musante knows his stuff and is good at conveying it in practical terms.  
Anonymous, 10-yr atty

The best, most informative and entertaining seminar I have ever attended. First rate speaker. Vastly superior seminar.  
Anonymous, 10-yr atty

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. Far better seminar than others--no comparison.  
Rod Berry, 33-yr atty, 100s of adverse depos

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. Very entertaining but practical seminar. Very much appreciated Robert's punctuality. Very high quality seminar...didn't have to take many notes; everything laid out in the written materials.  
Anonymous, 19-yr atty

Good content to bring alive art to conducting adverse depos. Excellent speaker...enthusiastic! Excellent job of looping seminar techniques to illustrate the rules presented.  
Anonymous, 2-1/2-yr atty, 5 adverse depos

Excellent seminar...some good, new ideas and reinforcement of things already known (and maybe forgotten). Musante is thoroughly entertaining. This seminar is better than the one I teach.  
Anonymous, 29-yr atty, 100 adverse depos

Great teacher...great job. A 10 out of 10  
Jay Gerber, 2-yr atty, 3 adverse depos

Excellent seminar...good speaker. Some descriptions are too complicated for the speed used.  
Seminar better than most.  
Tom Smith, 19-yr atty, 250 adverse depos

Very helpful seminar...very skillful speaker. One of the best seminars I have been to in a long time.  
Anonymous, 10-yr atty

## WISCONSIN

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

A+ seminar; A+ speaker. Musante is a wordsmith in his own right. Quality is an A+. Musante teaches how depositions can and should be done. He speaks in nouns and verbs, without needless adverbs and adjectives.  
Kevin J. Lyons, 37-yr atty, 100s of adverse depos

A very useful and insightful seminar. Excellent speaker.  
Nick Infugiro, 2-yr atty, 5 adverse depo

Very good seminar. This is in the top 10% of all seminars.  
Jim McAlister, 13-yr atty, 75 adverse depos

Very good seminar; it is immediately useable in my day to day practice. Musante has a very strong ability to teach.  
Walter N. Neta, 2-yr atty, 4 adverse depos

Useful practical content. I will definitely go back and critically reread my last few transcripts. Good speaker. Better than other seminars I've taken.  
Janis A. Tabor, 21-yr atty, 100+ adverse depos

Great attempt to keep things "exciting" and interesting. Very good speaker. Very high quality seminar...better than most I've attended.  
Anonymous, 6-yr atty, 50 adverse depos

An extremely practical seminar...easy to see how cross-examination depositions are a discipline. Excellent speaker...Musante is able to keep the audience's attention. His lesson was organized

and easy to follow. This seminar is more entertaining than others...very useful and practical content. Depositions will take on a greater importance...my preparation for depositions will be more intense and detailed.

Christine D'Angelo, 6-yr atty, 10 adverse depositions

This seminar has the most practical information presented at a CLE seminar in years. Excellent speaker. This seminar is the most entertaining...in addition to its useful content. It made time pass by quickly. CLE seminars most often go on and on and put you to sleep. This kept your attention! Even after hundreds of adverse depositions and many successful ones, I learned much that I can apply and do even better.

Charles Mikhail, 26-yr atty, 750+ adverse depositions

Excellent seminar...few speakers are so clearly committed to delivering value. Musante is excellent...very fluent, articulate and clear, but the even greater value is the work that's obviously been invested in this presentation.

Anne Reed, 24-yr atty, 30 adverse depositions

Excellent information which can benefit even the most experienced litigator. Musante is very capable, informative and entertaining. This seminar is better than most.

Patrick McDonald, 29-yr atty 29 adverse depositions

Very helpful seminar...never really thought about a deposition as being a dry run for trial. Musante has great style...keeps it interesting with the anecdotal info and high profile cases. Posner and Dodd do not have as much substance [as Musante].

Mary Ellen Poulos, 32-yr atty

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. Normally I do not follow the content and teaching without day-dreaming most of the time away. I listened to this entire seminar with great interest.

Todd Rankiw, 10-yr atty, 300 adverse depositions

Skills for depositions were very helpful. Musante has good speaking skills. Keeps the attention of the audience. A "9" out of "10". This seminar will definitely help my skills and preparation.

Tara Plewe, 1-1/2 yr atty, 10 adverse depositions

This seminar hits the nail on the head...litigation is war. Great speaker.

Jacques Mann, 17-yr atty

Great seminar...great speaker. Best seminar I've attended.

Erik Johnson, 1-yr atty, 5 adverse depositions

Very good seminar. It opened my eyes to better ways of deposing witnesses. This seminar is better than others...much more prepared and professional. My adverse depositions will improve immensely. As a defense attorney, I ask questions which are only OK I now realize. I now know how to make them much more impressive.

Sean Gaynor, 4-yr atty, 100+ adverse depositions

This seminar really makes you think of the sometimes cavalier approach to depositions! Good practical content here to become more disciplined. Good speaker and good Powerpoint presentation.

Kari Green, 14-yr atty

Very informative seminar...interesting take on the subject. Excellent speaker...well-spoken...maintains interest. Best day-long CLE seminar that I've attended.

Aaron Kastms, 1-yr atty, 6 adverse depositions

Practical content was rich...this is the kind of information I wish mentors and senior partners at my firm would deign to occasionally impart. Musante is very good...good delivery, good pace, good use of media to keep audience attention.

Kevin Davidson, 1-yr atty, 0 adverse depositions

Excellent seminar...it's info I'll be able to use often. Excellent speaker...I was a teacher for 8 years before going into law, and I'm amazed at his energy level. I also appreciate that he treats his audience as intelligent and well rounded...love the literary references.

Diane, 1-yr atty, 1 adverse depositions

Seminar content outstanding. I look back on the depositions I've taken and am able to see so many things I did wrong and the effect each had on trial. Very good speaker...kept my attention. Usually I leave seminars half-way through, but definitely plan on staying through the end today.

Anonymous, 4-yr atty, 3 adverse depositions

I feel I can incorporate the "killer depo" tools immediately! Musante is a great communicator; great energy.

Anonymous, 6-yr atty, 3 adverse depositions

Very helpful seminar on a practical level. Musante was good about giving concrete examples of the principles he taught. Also appreciated that he had a reason for sharing war stories. He is very engaging and is wonderful at conveying his principles. I am a complete believer in Musante's techniques and can't wait to apply them in my next deposition.

Anonymous, 1-yr atty, 1 adverse depo

A practical and useful seminar. I wish I would have had the class in law school.  
Tom, 19-yr atty, 500 adverse depositions

Intriguing seminar--thoughtful. Great speaker--engaging.  
Julie, 9-yr atty, 5 adverse depositions

Seminar a wake-up call. Excellent speaker. Superior seminar.  
Carol Dittmar, 21-yr atty, 100+ adverse depositions

An informative seminar...excellent speaker! I particularly appreciated the use of real world examples of what not to do. The seminar changed my understanding of the goals of deposition which were based upon misconceptions put into practice by my superiors.  
Juan Ramirez

Excellent, entertaining and relevant. I stayed awake which is a major accomplishment and I didn't worry about what was going on at the office because I recognized the value of what I was learning and how it would apply to what I do.  
Pamela M. Schmidt, 16-yr atty, 100-150 adverse depositions, White, Hirschboeck Dudek, Milwaukee

Excellent practical content. As a young lawyer, this presentation will help me strengthen my skills and focus in on critical information. Musante is enthusiastic about this material and he passes that on to his students. Much more focused, interesting and practical than other full-day seminars; skips some of the basic formalities, which is refreshing.  
Jennifer Kopp, 3-yr atty, 7 adverse depositions, Milwaukee

Excellent practical content; excellent, entertaining and informative instructor. More useful and informative than others.  
Jennifer Walther, 13.5-yr atty, 30-40 adverse depositions, Milwaukee

Interesting and funny. Great practical content.  
Doris Brosnan, 6-yr atty, 10-12 adverse depositions, Milwaukee

Tops! Excellent practical content; excellent instructor.  
Ellen Brostrom, 8-yr atty, 10 adverse depositions, Milwaukee

Excellent, interesting, entertaining, useful. Musante is superb ... definitely among the best.  
Barbara Janaszek, 21-yr atty, Milwaukee

Excellent practical content; very good instructor. Much better than others. I believe it will improve the quality of my adverse depositions.

Craig Nelson, 28-yr attorney, 200 adverse depositions, Milwaukee

Excellent! I was never bored. Much better than others I've attended ... imparted real knowledge. The logic and psychology behind the "Magnificent 7" is unmistakable. I will now be able to nail down the difficult witness and advance the theories of my case.

Patricia Lauten, 3-yr attorney, 5 adverse depositions, Milwaukee

Excellent practical content. Musante does a great job. Will improve my adverse depositions 110%!

Dean Kelley, 2.5-yr attorney, 3 adverse depositions, Milwaukee

Very practical for anyone who takes adverse depositions. Musante is very engaging with a multifaceted teaching style. I will no longer allow "crap" to stand as an answer to a question!

Kevin Ferguson, 7-yr attorney, 75-100 adverse depositions, Madison

Very practical regarding depositions of adverse lay deponents. Musante is very good, smart.

Alan Kim, Jr., 13-yr attorney, 250+ adverse depositions, Madison

Content was informative and enlightening. Musante is an excellent instructor. I believe the seminar will allow me to more effectively obtain information in depositions and then use those depositions to advance my case.

Peter Bartlett, 3-yr attorney, 20 adverse depositions, Madison

Better than most. Strong practical content; very good instructor.

Josh Johannmeier, 5-yr attorney, 20 adverse depositions, Madison

Musante is excellent. Idiosyncratic and interesting. Very good practical content. I'll be thinking more about what I want out of deponents.

Christopher Stombaugh, 10+-yr attorney, "very many" adverse depositions, Madison

Excellent! Better than other full-day litigation seminars. Very favorable practical content; excellent instructor.

John Williams, Jr., 55-yr attorney, Madison

Helpful seminar...accessible. Very strong speaker...energetic, reasoned, passionate. The most helpful seminar I've been to.

Steve Heinzen, 8-yr atty, 50 adverse depositions

Excellent seminar...super speaker. Superior seminar.

J. Wickham, 32-yr atty

Excellent seminar...learned new techniques and reinforced techniques that I can use that are effective. Musante kept the audience attention. Most seminars get stale...this one kept my attention.

Anonymous, 18-yr atty, 150-180 adverse depositions

Excellent seminar. Best seminar on a specific topic. Practical...good teaching skill...very fast. Highest quality. I feel as though I'm starting over this time with rules and principles to use.

Anonymous

Interesting ideas...the logical approach made of a lot of sense. I thought Musante's approach to breaking down the concept of using language and logic was very good, persuasive and easy to understand how to incorporate it into "real time". Excellent speaker...as hard as it is to sit for this long, it was informative and enjoyable.

Anonymous

Best I have attended. Excellent practical content. Musante is able to convey immense amounts of information in a short period of time. He proved "orthodoxy" is wrong and why. He specified and made concrete theories of cross-examination that were un-thought-of or intuitive-only.

Anonymous, 12-yr atty, 50 adverse depositions, Madison

Content was great; liked the fast pace; lots of info; live examples were great. Musante is excellent: thorough, interesting, passionate, creative; definitely kept my interest.

Anonymous, 4-yr atty, 4 adverse depositions, Milwaukee

Very good ... a welcome change from prior seminars/instruction on the topic. Musante has terrific energy. Superior compared to other full-day seminars.

Anonymous, 10-yr atty, 50 adverse depositions, Milwaukee

This topic is one not handled well by law schools and, in my experience, not handled well by firms either. I was looking specifically for a seminar like this for help with depositions. This is something I will incorporate into my practice.

Anonymous, 2-yr atty, 10 adverse depositions, Milwaukee

Bold, innovative! Musante is very good, engaging, good sense of humor and timing. Great powerpoint presentation and use of real-life examples.  
Anonymous, 20-yr atty, 100 adverse depositions, Milwaukee

Interesting and informative. This is more than I've learned from senior partners. Musante is very vibrant and high-energy; keeps you focused.  
Anonymous, 3-yr atty, Milwaukee

Excellent practical content; excellent instructor.  
Anonymous, Milwaukee

Best I've attended in my three years of practice. Very entertaining, fast-paced and the best use of A/V I've ever seen. I anticipate a night-and-day difference in my adverse depositions.  
Anonymous, 3-yr atty, 50 adverse depositions, Milwaukee

Fast-paced, full of useful information, with no wasted review of law school basics. Good mixture of theory with taped examples, allows point to be digested and remembered.  
Anonymous, 24-yr atty, 750 adverse depositions, Milwaukee

Excellent compared to other full-day seminars. Musante is energetic and uses good examples. Will improve my adverse depositions immensely.  
Anonymous, 8-yr atty, 50 adverse depositions, Milwaukee

Gives me an entirely new and helpful model for depo preparation. Really enjoyed the videos ... effective and entertaining.  
Anonymous, 12-yr atty, 50 adverse depositions, Milwaukee

"The Toughest-to-Craft Credibility Arguments!"

This seminar is a must for every person wanting to take a killer deposition. An exceptional speaker.

E.C. Ghantous, 21-yr atty, 70+ adverse depositions

The practical content is very valuable. Substantial material elucidated through real-life examples. Musante is congenial, compelling, and competent speaker. Video clips worked well to apply points. I believe seminar will improve the quality of my adverse depositions.  
George Peck, 3-yr atty, 12 adverse depositions

The seminar content provides useful points to improve questioning at deposition. Found axioms interesting. Animated speaker...makes class interesting.  
Cathy McGinn, 8-yr atty, 50 adverse depositions

An extremely practical seminar. The examples really helped demonstrate how these credibility arguments can be used. Great speaker...entertaining and engaging. Good knowledge and interesting events that are used as demonstrations. Video clips made the point of how important it is to listen to the answers given by the AD.  
Christine D'Angelo, 6-yr atty, 10 adverse depositions

Excellent seminar...information that I will use next week. Very good speaker...to the point and keeps your attention. Musante is obviously passionate about the material. This seminar is a huge reminder to keep digging, keep attacking and keep listening.  
Stuart Spaude, 15-yr atty, 200+ adverse depositions

I will see the form and the content of depositions very differently now. Excellent speaker. This seminar dovetailed very nicely with the "Logic & Whack" seminar...either one alone would have been helpful but together they really pack a punch.  
Kelly Larmore, 2-yr atty, 15 adverse depositions

Excellent seminar. Speaker's teaching ability was very effective...reinforced by repetition and visual aids. Can't wait for my next depo.  
Joe Koening, 11-yr atty, 100 adverse depositions

Practical content of this seminar can be used in real-life practice. Very good speaker. Video clips keep the audience interested...seem pretty on point. This seminar will help me prepare more effectively.  
Tara Plewe, 1-1/2 yr atty

One of the most practical CLE seminars I have ever attended. Excellent speaker. Musante stays focused and makes his point systematically and logically...it's difficult to disagree with the point. Great job, Musante! This seminar will improve my depo skills vastly, even after 26 years.  
Charles Mikhail, 26-yr atty, 750+ adverse depositions

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

Wow...so much to think about...new things, common sense approach that seems to be logical, consistent and practical. Excellent speaker.

Ken Anselment

I'm a neophyte at expert depositions and learned a great deal. I also get lost because too scientific. Very entertaining and detailed seminar...well organized. Great idea to use OJ case to prove points. This seminar will really make me cognizant of types of questions, and follow-ups, to ask, and the importance of listening.

Barbara Buhai, 8 expert depositions

4-star seminar. An enlightening and entertaining speaker.

Tim Schdewe, 10 expert depositions

Excellent seminar...I'm a veteran criminal prosecutor with 100s of criminal trials...however, I've only been a civil litigator for 3 years and the art of the deposition is what I came here for. Musante's a pro. He's found his calling. His pace is exhilarating and the day flew by without the usual boredom of being droned at. Baden's medical testimony made this THE MOST CAPTIVATING seminar I have been to in memory. The OJ case was one of the most fascinating to me as a lawyer and provided a good framework for the teaching points.

Lennie Lehman, 15 expert depositions

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. Better seminar than others.

Dennis Cossi, 1000 expert depositions

Excellent seminar, though I have minimal criminal background. The principles apply to civil too...they're all the same. Excellent speaker...his enthusiasm is infectious!

Anonymous, 1000 expert depositions

Very good seminar as far as helping cross examining lawyers organize and emphasize points.

Very good speaker.

Ned Czajkowski, 100 expert depositions

Very useful information; useful for any kind of legal proceeding where expert opinion is a part of the evidence. Musante is very enthusiastic...loves his work...very effective teacher. He holds the audience's attention throughout the presentation. This seminar will greatly enhance my confidence to challenge an expert.

William Appel, 6 expert depositions

A very practical seminar as the outlines and suggestions are materials that I can review prior to my next expert depo. The ideas really stick. Musante is very effective and engaging; also the practical experiences behind the teaching provides an intriguing context. This seminar will give me more confidence in asking "all" the questions and pushing the expert through all factors.  
Molly Arranz, 3 expert depositions

Every litigation lawyer should take this seminar. It is required to competently examine any expert. Musante has a profound grasp of the ways/technology to instruct effectively. This is the best seminar on exposing dishonest experts. Perfect vignettes.  
Jim Samuelsen, 500 expert depositions

Most of the seminar is outstanding; but there is too much unnecessary info. Musante is an excellent communicator...very intelligent, likeable person. Very valuable seminar, especially on adverse issue. This seminar will give me the confidence and awareness going into a depo that something can always be accomplished. I will be better at "pinning them down". The Simpson trial is both popular, interesting and familiar to all, so that has obvious benefits. Musante is a skilled speaker, mastery of subject matter...a valuable conference to attend. Outstanding presentation.  
Anonymous, 30 expert depositions

Very practical seminar content. Good presentation. I believe this seminar will be very helpful to my ability to take effective expert depositions in the future.  
George Peek, 10 expert depositions

Very helpful to have things diagrammed...great visual road map for taking expert depositions. Very engaging speaker.  
Brent Nistler, 5 expert depositions

"B+" speaker. Very good seminar...structure offered is much more useful than the typical "war story" effort to impress.  
Josh Levy, 25 expert depositions

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. Seminar is very fast paced. To fully understand and implement the strategies discussed, I will need to further review the course materials.  
Don Murphy, 50 expert depositions

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. Equal to the best.  
Frank Jablonski

## CANADA

Comments from **Toronto** area attorneys who attended "The Knockout Examination"(aka "Great! Adverse Depositions: Principles and Principal Techniques)

Great practical suggestions that I plan on making part of my discovery routine. I really enjoyed Robert's style of speaking. I generally "tune out" during long meetings, but Robert held my attention the entire time. I feel like I will have an "edge" over other counsel if I put these techniques into practice.

Ted Frankel, 1.5-yr lawyer, 5 exams

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. The best.

Lou Brzezinski, 25-yr lawyer, 150 exams

A very thought-provoking, practical and interesting seminar. Musante is very good...persuasive.

J. Glyde Hone, 20-yr lawyer, 100 exams

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. The videos assisted the teaching points...most important, they kept the seminar lively and interesting.

Catherine Francis, 18-yr lawyer, 100 exams

A useful and entertaining seminar. Top notch speaker...almost as good as me. Seminar worth the money. Videos very illustrative and entertaining.

Anonymous, 15-yr lawyer, 25 exams

Very good seminar...techniques have application to more than cross-exam. Musante is excellent...clear and entertaining. Videos are super. The seminar can't help but improve the quality of my discoveries because I will at least consider how to apply the principles.

Anonymous, 28-yr lawyer, 50 exams

The best yet! A+ practical content; A+ instructor.

Howard C. Cohen, 26-yr atty, 50 adverse depos, Cohen, Sabsay LLP

Excellent. I especially appreciated the efforts made to adapt the content to Canadian/Ontario law which is often lacking with other speakers from the states. Entertaining, gifted speaker. Superior seminar.

Anonymous, 15-yr lawyer, 150 exams

"A" content; "A" speaker. Informative, useful.

Robert Rogers, 25-yr lawyer, 100s of exams

Superb seminar, excellent speaker. One of the best seminars I've ever attended.

Laszlo Dandy, 26-yr lawyer, 300+ exams

Excellent content...great speaker, very interesting. As good or better than other seminars.

Brian McCall, 26-yr lawyer, 1500 exams

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. Better than most.

Anonymous, 29-yr lawyer, 100+ exams

Musante is like the energizer bunny ... very dynamic and entertaining.

Anonymous, 26-yr lawyer, 15 exams

Very practical anecdotal information as well as good critical analysis of real discoveries.

High energy speaker...captures and holds the audience's attention.

Fernand A. Majid, 2-yr lawyer, 5 exams

Very practical seminar. I appreciated the effort to "translate" things into the Canadian context.

Excellent speaker!

Anonymous, 7-yr lawyer, 100-200 exams

Excellent content. Appreciated Musante's ability to engage the material outside of just setting out rules etc. A clear, effective communicator. One of the best lecture-type seminars.

Anonymous, 7-yr lawyer, 60 exams

Excellent seminar...excellent speaker. This seminar was more practical and more entertaining than others.

Anonymous, 13-yr lawyer, 11 exams

Very good seminar. Entertaining, captive, contextual. Seminar better than average litigation or practical examples/applications. Will improve the quality of my exams to a great extent ... several years of "learning" the substantive law and procedural rules ... little if any training or instruction on techniques and skill, which is arguably the most important part of practice ... excellent job!

Lynette Corbett, 2-yr lawyer, 3 exams

Seminar very helpful. Musante is the "Billy Beane" of litigation theory, attempting to redefine advocacy skills we all treat as dogma and open our eyes to a new way of thinking about examinations for discovery. Best seminar.

James Kendik, 5-yr lawyer, 20 exams

Very high practical content -- forces you to rethink "truisms". Musante's teaching ability is very high, and litigation counsel are always a tough crowd.

Anonymous, 11-yr lawyer, "lots" of exams

Musante is vibrant and excited about his topic. His energy pulled me in and encouraged me to stay for the entire presentation.

Jane Poproski, 1-yr, 100 exams

Very good practical content. Loved the energy and even the metaphors! Most lecturers put me to sleep by 3pm; you don't! Thanks.

John Ryder-Burbidge, 18-yr lawyer, 200 exams

Practical and relevant. Excellent speaker...fast yet clear. This seminar ranks amongst the better ones.

Moses Moyal, 12-yr lawyer, 40 exams

Excellent seminar...it can be adopted and incorporated immediately. Excellent speaker, clear and concise communicator...his points are very effective. There will be a dramatic increase in the quality of my examinations for discovery.

Gerry Gill, 2-yr lawyer, 20 exams

Informative, very well prepared, thought provoking Seminar much better than others I've attended.

Nancy Erickson

Learned many new things that I will likely be able to apply. Musante very good...mix of audio and video materials helped maintain the flow and interest. I like the lecture method here better than the typical advocacy skills problems with role playing, etc.

E.M. Green, 29-yr lawyer, 250 exams

Excellent practical content, hopefully I can remember to put everything I learned to good use in practice. Musante has an excellent rapport with the group. Has the ability to communicate in a fun way. This seminar is way above the rest of the crowd.

Lisa D. Belcourt, 5-yr lawyer, 100 exams

Very practical seminar; the theory is helpful as well. Excellent speaker.  
M. Gregory Ellies, 18-yr lawyer, 100 exams

A skilled teacher, very entertaining, keeps attention. My firm's money has been well spent!  
Anonymous, 2-yr lawyer

Excellent seminar, very engaging, funny, self-deprecating speaker.  
Katherine M. Pollock, 16-yr lawyer, 100 exams

It will be useful in the conduct of all future discoveries. Musante's enthusiasm for the subject matter is contagious and his presentation method (slides, sounds, movies) stimulating.  
T. J. Law, 13-yr lawyer, 30 exams

Very good seminar, excellent speaker. Seminar rates on par with the best. Top 10.  
Anonymous, 22-yr lawyer, 800-1200 exams

Very high practical content. Novel but impressive speaker. My exams should improve substantially.  
Anonymous, 40-yr lawyer

Concrete and detailed. Excellent speaker: clear, engaging, uses examples and makes his points very effectively. This is better than almost all CLEs.  
Anonymous, 4-yr lawyer, 15 exams

Perfect.  
Geoffrey Larmer, 10-yr lawyer, 75 exams

Very useful...excellent speaker. Seminar is far better than others. Speaker maintains attention with enthusiasm and sharp examples.  
David S. Steinberg, 6-yr lawyer, 15 exams

Excellent seminar, exceptional speaker. Far superior to any other advocacy seminars.  
Kyle Seeback. 4-yr lawyer, 10 exams

Very practical. Superb speaker. Seminar is as good as the best.

Mike Adams, 28-yr lawyer, 50 exams

Useful, entertaining. Speaker very engaging, kept audience integrated in material. Enjoyed practical examples.

Anonymous, 1-yr lawyer

Very good seminar and speaker. In the top rank, one of the best.

Anonymous, 20-yr lawyer, 150 exams

Great seminar. The U.S. approach alone is good. Musante's approach is original and thought provoking. I think that this is the single most instructive and informative seminar that I have ever taken.

Simona T. Jellinek, 8-yr lawyer

Effective tips, first-hand knowledge to practice. Musante's great, humorous, witty, brilliant. Very high caliber speaker.

Karen Kwan Anderson, 4-yr lawyer, 20-30 exams

Very dynamic speaker, very effective, practical, entertaining. Without question, this was the best quality seminar I've attended.

Jason Morse, 3-yr lawyer, 2-5 exams

Excellent seminar, excellent speaker. Loved the crisp and timely pacing along with the video clips.

Anonymous, 5- yr lawyer, 20 exams

Seminar content was clearly communicated and well illustrated. Enlivening! Fresh! Motivating!

Kerri Kamra, 13-yr lawyer, 100s exams

Dynamic and entertaining speaker...seminar very useful and goes against conventional wisdom. Seminar far better than most.

Charlie Chang, 3-yr lawyer, 8 exams

Excellent, excellent. Seminar ranks at or near the top.

Ron Bohm, 18-yr lawyer, 300 exams

Outstanding seminar. Top 10%. My exams will improve substantially.

Ellen Anderson, 6-y lawyer, 4 exams

Very practical seminar, also funny topical examples. Excellent speaker. Seminar was punchy, colorful, arresting. The seminar will make me work harder, refine my technique.

Barbara Byers, 22-yr lawyer, 110 exams

Very useful seminar. Entertaining, provokes thought.

James Kerr, 27-yr lawyer, "are you kidding?" number of exams

Very direct, topical. Effective, direct speaker. Excellent seminar. This seminar will definitely help to tighten up my questioning style.

Anonymous, 8-yr lawyer, 90 exams

Fantastic, enthusiastic and to-the-point speaker. I've never before conducted an EFO, but I've reviewed enough transcripts to know that not many people follow the advice provided in this seminar and that their examinations would be improved if they did.

Anonymous, 2-yr lawyer

Fun, fast-paced, informative seminar. Excellent speaker.

G.P. Belch. 2-yr lawyer, 500 exams

Very helpful seminar, thought-provoking. Engaging, persuasive speaker. Good use of examples to explain theory. I have always instinctively felt discovery should be treated more seriously, but have never heard it articulated so well.

Anonymous, 13-yr lawyer, 25-30 exams

Excellent seminar, excellent speaker. I will certainly re-evaluate the methods and tactics taught to me by very talented senior practitioners over the years, and hopefully be able to hone existing skills and develop newly acquired ones.

Anonymous, 15-yr lawyer, 1,000+ exams

Top-notch. Excellent practical content; excellent instructor. Full of content, nothing superfluous. Undermines all of the old myths regarding the purpose and approach to discovery examinations and gives a pathway to a new approach. Teaches effective questioning technique to get admissions necessary for favorable settlements.

Danette Cashman, 2-yr atty

Musante is a fabulous speaker, I didn't get bored at all; Musante's presentation was fast-paced, informative and entertaining.

Anonymous, 3-yr atty, 10 exams

Robert Musante's presentation of theory against recurring practical scenarios and high profile cases consistently supported his theses on cross-examination techniques. High quality instructor; keeps content interesting with sense of humor, analogies and enthusiasm.

Michelle Arzaga, 2-yr atty, 50+ exams

Excellent and entertaining. Better than any others I've been to.

Anonymous, 10-yr atty, 200 exams

Comments from [Vancouver](#) area lawyers who attended "The Knockout Examination" on December 1, 2011

Excellent seminar ... awesome speaker. Totally different approach to conducting cross-FDs. His techniques are invaluable.

Laird Hiatt, 19-yr lawyer, 120 discovery exams

Excellent seminar ... REAL learning. A superb and entertaining speaker. Excellent analytical and practical strategic use of language and logic.

B Petersen, 20-yr lawyer

Practical content ... it can be used tomorrow. No fluff. What can I say about Musante ... I wish even one of my law school profs was this dynamic. Most relevant seminar. If Musante is invited back, I will have the other 6 lawyers in my firm attend ... this is very basic stuff that we should all be exposed to. Get this guy back ASAP!

Lee Cowley, 15-yr lawyer, 300 discovery exams

Very helpful, tangible, practical examples of techniques that are easy to implement. Musante is a 10 out of 10. This seminar has a pulse others do not. Video clips exceptional.

Mike Reynolds, 5-yr lawyer, 3 discovery exams

Very highly rated seminar. Superb speaker. Best ever seminar. Found it extremely informative and entertaining.

Alan David, 3-yr lawyer, 15 discovery exams

Great seminar. Enjoyed how Musante continued to underscore the 3 pillars of an effective EFD. Memorable "catch phrases" and video. Great speaker ... very enthusiastic. Enjoyed the variety in use of aids to reduce risk of redundancy/increase attention span. Very enjoyable seminar. Changed my view of how to conduct discovery and treat it as very important considering statistics on settlement.

Anon, 1-yr lawyer, 3 discovery exams

Very good seminar. Typically US presenters conduct seminars that are not practical in Canada (different rules of court, evidence, etc) but the principles in this course were applicable and almost universal. Excellent speaker ... clear and concise ... very enthusiastic ... well organized. Best seminar I have been to on this subject. I hope Musante returns to BC again ... thanks for sharing your passion.

Michael Elliott, 275 discovery exams

Very practical seminar ... applicable and useful in every day case construction. Musante has a passion for cross-examination.

Chris Bacon, 25-yr lawyer

First seminar I've heard that taught me technique ... not law/rules. Excellent speaker. Unique seminar. Musante kept everyone alive.

Malini Dyonisius, 18-yr lawyer

Relevant and reliable seminar. Musante effective ... held my attention. Seminar "at the top." Excellent presentation.

Anon, 35-yr lawyer

Practical seminar ... memorable. Entertaining and erudite. Seminar better than many. Looks like you're having fun teaching ... it was fun to be here.

C. Lewis, 26-yr lawyer

Very forceful and practical seminar. Musante is concise, thoughtful, and useful to practicing the discipline.

Dennis Jackernick, 26-yr lawyer

Content was good ... and take-aways were good but some sections were too repetitive. A little too much repetition and I don't like the yelling and sound effects. Otherwise, a dynamic speaker.

Leslie Woo, 3-yr lawyer, 5 discovery exams

Excellent seminar ... excellent speaker.

Glenn Niemela, 23-yr lawyer, 100+ discovery exams

Very good seminar. Not many CLEs touch on crafting cross-examination questions ... lots of practical advice in this one. Very good speaker but first hour could have been greatly abbreviated. Very persuasive seminar. I disagree on a few points.

R. Glen Boswell, 21-yr lawyer, 80 discovery exams

Very helpful seminar. Musante is engaging and clear. Great use of multimedia. Seminar more practical with better use of specific examples than others.

Stephanie Drake, 3-yr lawyer

I liked the seminar. Fun and dynamic ... like the style. Vivid ... keeps people awake at seminars. Wonderful seminar. Thanks.

Lind Ben Ling Chen, 1-yr lawyer

Good seminar ... explains a lot of what I've seen on other's transcripts and covers things never taught. Engaging speaker.

Joel Hill, 3-yr lawyer, 10 discovery exams

Very useful seminar in challenging existing myths. Very capable speaker...animated and passionate about the subject.

Charles Atbas, 5-yr lawyer, 10 discovery exams

Very good seminar ... very good speaker. I liked the incorporated videos and transcripts.

Anon, 24-yr lawyer

Extremely useful seminar. Excellent speaker.

Steven Lesiuk

Seminar easy to follow and interesting. Speaker clear, enthusiastic. Good illustrations. Excellent examples.

2-yr lawyer, 35 discovery exams

Excellent seminar ... very good speaker. Slides are a bit cheesy.

Cameron Elder, 5-yr lawyer, 20 discovery exams

Very high quality material emphasizing very common pitfalls. First rate speaker.

Lawrence G., 36-yr lawyer, 400+ discovery exams

Useful seminar ... practical and applicable to an active practice. High quality speaker.

S. Patro, 5-yr lawyer, 5 discovery exams

Very practical content. A lot of useful examples were used ... very interesting. Excellent speaker ... gifted.

Monica Monroy, 2-yr lawyer, 20 discovery exams

Very effective speaker. Transitions well between teaching points and presentation aids (movies, past cases). Very passionate about topic, which maintains listener's interest. Best and most practical seminar on examinations for discovery I've attended. Logic is impeccable, as is ability to speak succinctly and accurately.

Michael Peraya, 5-yr lawyer, 15 discovery exams

Very good seminar. Practical ... good ... much needed.

Richard Lee, 20-yr lawyer