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Exploring Remote Depositions:

Best practices for digital solutions
in the current climate

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The Challenge

In response to the coronavirus outbreak, some of the world's largest law firms are issuing travel bans and encouraging employees to avoid public transport.

These firms are putting remote working protocols in place to limit face-to-face interactions. They're seeking solutions to ensure their employees are safe, but that deadlines and obligations are still met during this challenging time.



The Solution

Rather than delay depositions, firms can execute proceedings remotely with digital tools.

Effective technology platforms and digital recording tools can help firms, agencies and court reporters conduct depositions remotely and also decrease their costs when doing so.



Question #1

How does a **remote deposition** work?



Answer

- **Consider legal requirements:** update notice and stipulations
 - **Select the right technology:** use a technology purpose-built for legal
 - **Capture and review:** technology helps with tedious, manual tasks so attorneys can focus on more important matters
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Question #2

How can I alleviate
colleague or client concerns
about doing **depositions**
remotely versus
traditionally?





Answer

- Technology adds production capacity. The **only notable difference** occurs when there's a request for real-time previews of rough-drafts.
 - Digital court reporting is proven to produce **accurate transcripts** just at **quicker turnaround times**.
 - **Remote redundancy** is built into effective tools to ensure testimony is not lost.
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Question #3

What are best practices to consider when holding depositions remotely?



Answer

vTestify has seen a **200% increase in call volume** recently with individuals seeking advice on how to transition to digital.

Best practices to consider:

- Update notices
 - Stipulate with opposing counsel
 - Get in the driver's seat before deposition
 - Utilize tools **built for legal** digital capture and transcription
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Question #4

Are there additional benefits to holding **depositions remotely** aside from accounting for travel and spatial restrictions in the current climate?



Answer

- Speed to settlement
 - Video is the best evidence
 - Prepare for the future & growing shortage of stenographers
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Question #5

What is the **differential cost** between holding digital depositions versus live proceedings with court reporters?





Answer

- In the current situation, going digital is not only the way to address the current market and travel restrictions, but it's also **not more expensive**.
- Digital capture of audio and video is both ***accessible*** and ***affordable***.

Digital Court Reporter	Live Reporters
\$42,393 (Average) / \$22 Hour	\$80,647 / \$42 Hour



Question #6

How are vTestify and Verbit's
remote deposition and
transcription processes working
currently and suited to handle
the issue at hand?



vTestify's Process



**Schedule
& Invite
Participants**



**Connect
Remotely
to Deposition
Room**



**Start
Recording**



**Share
Digital
Exhibits**

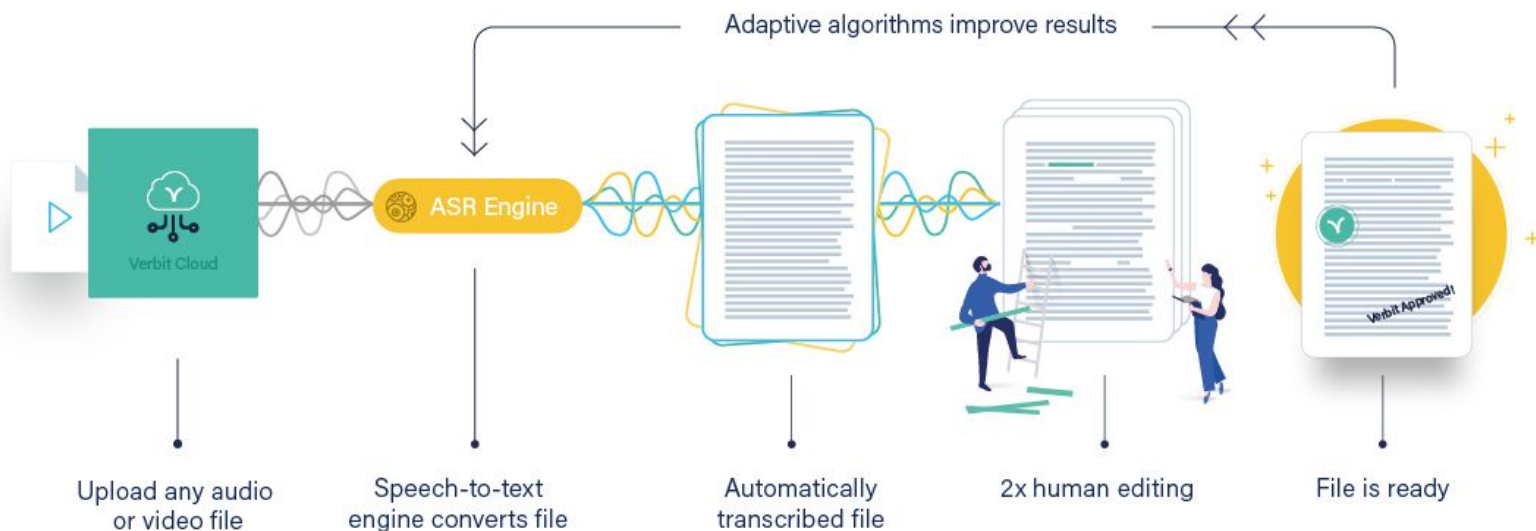


**End Deposition
& Order
Transcript**



Verbit's Process

Upload the File...





Question #7

What tools can I implement today to make the **move to digital and remote depositions** now? How should I use them?



Answer

vTestify + Verbit help law firms and reporting agencies to unbundle deposition workflows to solve supply constraints.

Recommended tools:

- **Zoom** - Verbit has new integration to provide transcriptions
 - **Dropbox** - file hosting services that allow for collaboration
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Question #8

What are your expectations for the legal market overall due to the current of state of events?



Answer

- Growth in digital reporting will only continue in the near future and beyond it. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the move to digital is **happening faster** and the **need to embrace technology is growing**.
 - **Video** will become core to pre-trial review process.
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Q&A

Additional Questions?
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