Roles and Responsibilities of an Expert Witness

INTRODUCTION

This session is designed for SLPs from any work setting who are considering serving, or have been asked to serve, as an expert witness. The speakers introduce the role of an expert witness, in contrast to the role of a fact witness, and review the qualifications and distinctive roles and responsibilities of an expert witness, with a focus on relevant laws (e.g., HIPAA, FERPA, IDEA, and ADA). The session—a recorded session from ASHA’s 2020 Private Practice Connect online conference—includes discussion of oral and written communication best practices, as they are fundamental to the role of an expert witness. The speakers also use case studies to highlight key concepts.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

You will be able to:

- State the differences between a fact witness and an expert witness
- Identify best practices for expert witness communication with attorneys, school districts, and in court
- Explain the roles and responsibilities of an expert witness, including strategies for assuring compliance with relevant laws relative to the role of an expert witness practice

PROGRAM HISTORY and IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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