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Can we please - PLEASE - get clarifying information about remote swearing-in of deposition witnesses! As a freelance court reporter, I can ask multiple colleagues what their take on swearing in a witness is, and I get multiple different answers. Freelance court reporters doing depositions by Zoom or other such media need in-depth clarification, to include exactly what the process and record-keeping should consist of. We also need that same clarification as to whether or not we can swear in a witness if they are outside the state of Colorado, as we are getting pressured by attorneys to do so. Along that same line, if a resident of Colorado is the deponent, but happens to be outside of Colorado at the time of the deposition, can we swear in that deponent. Many questions along this line that need to be answered, clarified, and possibly even dispersed in writing to all attorneys in Colorado.

Thanks!

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