

§31.3 Ask for Electronic Transcripts of Depositions

Electronic deposition transcripts are helpful because:

- They can reside on your PC or laptop computer.
- They can be read quickly. It is faster to turn pages with clicks than physically.
- They do not take room in your filing cabinet.
- They can be searched for particular words or phrases quickly.
- It is easy to copy and paste critical testimony into your summary of the deposition or into your notes of questions to ask at trial, so you have the exact quotation ready at hand during the trial

I like to ask the court reporters to give me the transcript in E-transcript format (by Real Legal), which shows on your laptop a perfect transcript, just like the judge is reading:

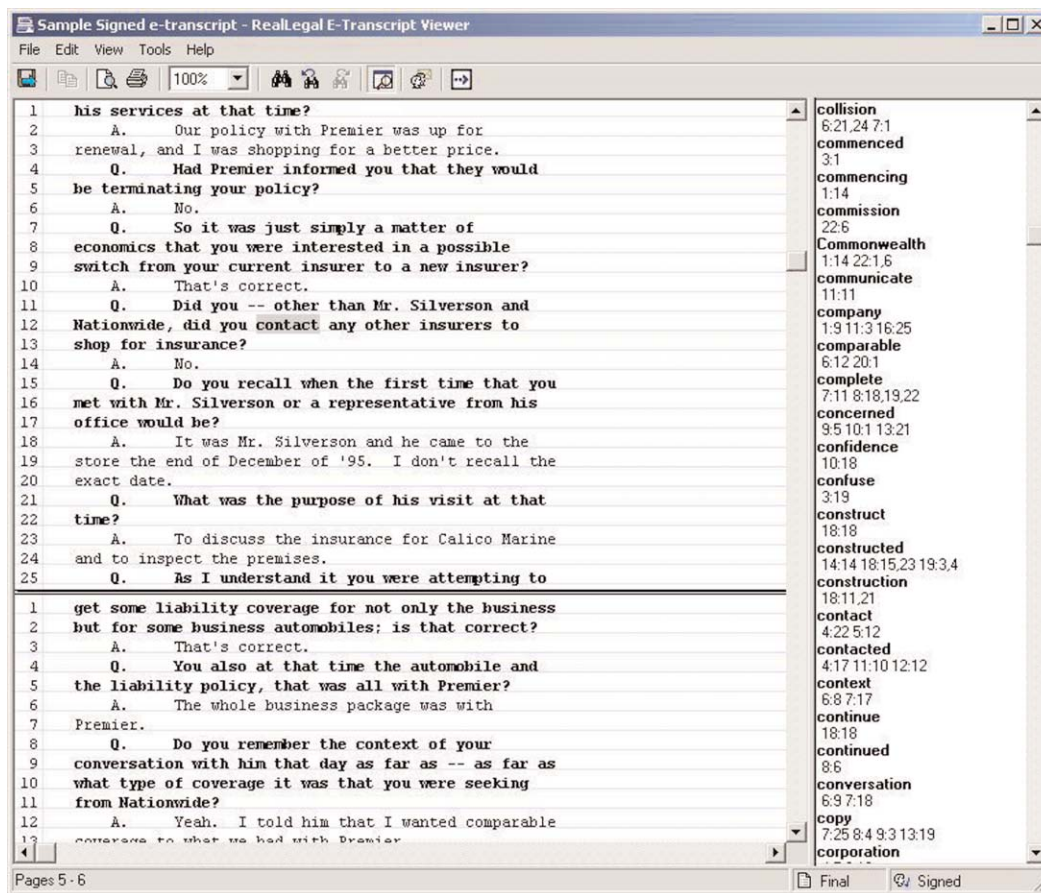


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