

What is Esquire eLitigate?

Esquire eLitigate is a dynamic, intuitive, purpose-built remote deposition platform combining high-quality video conferencing, secure integrated exhibit management, virtual Sidebar rooms, and testimony review tools.

How is eLitigate different from the usual videoconference platforms used for remote depositions?

eLitigate integrates remote deposition features long requested by attorneys, working together as one simple, intuitive web application on one screen. eLitigate enables participants to fully participate in a remote deposition with the ease of being in an in-person deposition. ScriptSync, a feature unique to Esquire eLitigate, captures individual voices and creates a searchable speech-to-text transcript for in-session review and audio clip playback.

Do I still need to use a videoconference program with eLitigate exhibit sharing?

No. eLitigate has high-quality video conferencing built into its platform. This integration provides a superior experience for most participants who want video conferencing and exhibit management integrated on one screen.

Is eLitigate secure?

Yes. Both the audio and video streams are encrypted end-to-end and protected by industry-standard AES-256 technology. Esquire eLitigate also has multiple redundancies in place to protect testimony from poor connections.

Do I need to use two screens with eLitigate?

eLitigate's pop-out picture function allows you to use two screens, but it was designed and built to be used on a single screen.

Is eLitigate difficult for a witness to use?

Not at all. eLitigate was designed to enable witnesses participate in a deposition with minimal effort.

Can opposing counsel see my documents before they are introduced?

No. Privacy is of paramount importance. Documents uploaded to the platform are not visible to other participants until the introducing attorney reveals them.



Which exhibit file formats does eLitigate support?

eLitigate natively supports PDFs, image files (PNG, JPG) and Microsoft Office files, which are automatically converted to Acrobat PDF. All other file types, including audio and video files, can be displayed via eLitigate's Screen Share.

Can I stamp exhibits?

Yes. Exhibit stamping is built into eLitigate with intuitive controls that make it easy to mark an exhibit without slowing the pace of the deposition. We optimize this workflow by tracking previous exhibit stamping and displaying it when marketing the new exhibit. You have the flexibility to mark an exhibit upon introduction or later.

Who can annotate exhibits?

Annotations can be made by anyone given permission by the exhibit owner (the attorney who introduced the exhibit).

Can opposing counsel introduce exhibits during cross-examination?

Yes, opposing counsel can introduce their own documents during cross-examination, or recall exhibits of the taking attorney.

Are witness annotation tools available?

Yes. Standard annotations tools include freehand drawing, shapes (such as a box or circle), highlight, underline, and strike-through.

Does eLitigate support video clip exhibits?

Yes. Participants can view shared videos through eLitigate's Screen Share.

What is a "Sidebar"?

A Sidebar in eLitigate is a virtual, secure breakout room. Much like a conference room at an office, you can simply ask others to join you for a private discussion in a Sidebar; Assignment by a host is not needed. Once participants have entered, anyone in the room can lock the virtual room so no one else can join. No discussions can be recorded or observed by others. The Sidebar is available throughout the deposition.

Can we video record a deposition?

A professional (remote) videographer is required to capture the deposition. The videographer manages going off and on the record and monitors the quality of the video.

What is ScriptSync?

ScriptSync is eLitigate's computer speech-to-text tool that acts as an assistant to the attorney for instant review purposes during the proceeding and as a back-up recorder for the court reporter for transcription purposes after the proceeding. It provides audio redundancy, and eliminating crosstalk by capturing individual voice tracks, converting it to text, and providing the ability for participants to search and playback audio segments of the deposition during the deposition.

Does ScriptSync replace Realtime?

No, ScriptSync is not a replacement for a realtime reporter. ScriptSync is only available during the deposition.

Can I get a rough transcript from ScriptSync?

No. ScriptSync does not produce a rough transcript.

Does create the final transcript from ScriptSync?

No. The court reporter captures the record and produces the final transcript. The court reporter may use ScriptSync to confirm what was spoken for transcription. This is especially useful when deposition participants were talking over each other during the proceeding.

Which other court reporting agencies offer eLitigate?

has an exclusive national Joint Marketing Agreement with vTestify. This relationship enables eLitigate to focus on development, with continuing input from Esquire. The result of the partnership is a platform constantly evolving to meet the changing needs of law firms and corporations.

