

SPECIFIC GUIDELINES FOR WRITTEN REPORTS (DEPOSITIONS)

Please **read these guidelines carefully** and follow them **exactly** (real-life expectations)

- 1. Page one: At the **top** of your paper, the **heading** should be **on one line** as follows:
Your name Your Specialty Indicate Pro or Con Trial Date
- 2. Page one: **Type**, using **Times 12 pt. font** from start to finish, and **double-space**
- 3. Page one: Your typed (double-spaced) deposition is restricted to **one page (max!)**
- 4. Page one: Be sure to write everything in **your own words and phrases**. *Avoid* long **quotations** (a short one is acceptable); use this as an opportunity to demonstrate how well you can write using your own words and phrases! Be very familiar with the **“Common Writing Mistakes to Avoid in Geol 115” document!** If you are unsure of what constitutes **plagiarism**, please consult the **Academic Honor Code** and the **Student Handbook** (or ask me!). If you are unsure about correct grammar and punctuation, etc., you may seek help from **Colgate’s Writing Center**.
- 5. Page two: **Craft two well-worded, short questions** that your specialist group will consider posing to the opposing side at trial (or that you, as Judge, may ask)
- 6. Page two: Please list all **references** you used (*minimum of 3, more is better!*) **following the examples below (all articles and books should be listed first and in alphabetical order by the first author’s last name, etc. as shown; websites are listed at the end of your refs).**

→ *Citation example for article:*

Quammen, D. 2005. Clone your troubles away. Harper’s Magazine, Feb. issue, p. 33-43.

→ *Citation example for book:*

Wilmut, I. and Highfield, R. 2007. After Dolly: The Promise and Perils of Cloning. W.W. Norton & Co., 336 p.

→ *Citation example for website:*

Billionaire plans park of giant dinosaurs. 30 March 2013.

<http://news.discovery.com/animals/dinosaurs.htm> [accessed on 5 September 2014]

- 7. Page two: You’ve been called – unexpectedly – to trial and rush off to Colgate in profession-specific clothing and with profession-specific props. Please give a **description** of that **professional outfit** (i.e., what you will be wearing at trial) and a list of the **props** that you will be bringing to the courtroom. If a prop was **co-designed**, please indicate your **co-designer(s)**. Dressing as you normally would (i.e., geneticist in lab, vet in operating room, etc.) will add a dramatic (and also fun) element to the trial. There is no need to go to any expense to procure an appropriate outfit or props for your specialty. Rather, avail yourself of friends (**rather than Supreme Court Justice Soja...**) and be creative with paper, cardboard, tape, scissors, etc., to **fashion an appropriate outfit and accompanying props**. Before you even speak, trial participants should be able to tell what role you are representing! **Creativity** will be rewarded! [Image source: <https://fineartamerica.com/featured/dinosaur-judge-in-uk-court-of-law-martin-davey.html?product=poster>]

