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Screen Real Estate

How to maximize your odds when preparing for your first virtual mediation, hearing, deposition, or arbitration.

When preparing for your first virtual mediation, hearing, deposition, or arbitration you must spend time contemplating how you are going to effectively manage what may be a large number of open windows on your computer. Depending on the type of proceeding, you may need to have an outline, a page for taking notes, a couple of windows dedicated to the platform you are using so that you can view the participants, as well as any documents that are posted. You may also need to have your folders open on your computer to access documents and exhibits as well as multiple exhibits themselves.

We strongly urge you to consider using multiple monitors and potentially an additional computer with additional monitor(s) depending on how involved your presentation will be. Also consider using paper versions of some of the items (like your outline and notes pages) to free up screen real estate and insure that you are able to maintain your presentation in the event there is a technical glitch with the computer.