



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2003 Wisconsin Act 227 [2003 Assembly Bill 533]	Contracts With Persons Who Take Depositions
2003 Acts: www.legis.state.wi.us/2003/data/acts/	Act Memos: www.legis.state.wi.us/lc/act_memo/act_memo.htm

Under **current law**, a deposition may be taken before a person authorized to administer oaths, including judges, court commissioners, administrative hearing officers, district attorneys, and court reporters. Generally, a deposition is taken before a court reporter, who records and transcribes the deposition. Currently, a deposition may not be taken before a disqualified person, which means a person who is a relative, employee, attorney, or counsel of any of the parties to the action; a relative or employee of the attorney or counsel of any of the parties; or a person who is financially interested in the action.

2003 Wisconsin Act 227 expands the list of disqualified persons to include a person who is a party to the action. The Act also prohibits a person from taking a deposition unless the person has entered into a contract for court reporting services that is limited to a particular action or incident. The Act's prohibitions do not apply, however, to persons who take depositions for a public agency.

Effective Date: The effective date of 2003 Wisconsin Act 227 is April 27, 2004.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents.