

COMMON OBJECTIONS

To questions

- Calls for irrelevant answer
- Calls for a conclusion
- Calls for an opinion [by a lay witness]
- Calls for a narrative
- Calls for hearsay
- Calls for privileged communication
- Witness incompetent
- Violates best evidence rule
- Leading
- Asked and answered
- Beyond scope [of direct or cross]
- Assumes facts not in evidence
- Confusing/misleading/ambiguous/vague/unintelligible
- Speculative
- Compound question
- Argumentative
- Misstates evidence
- Cumulative
- Improper impeachment

To answers

- Irrelevant
- Privileged
- Conclusion
- Hearsay
- Narrative
- Improper lay opinion
- Improper character evidence
- Lack of personal knowledge
- Speculation / conjecture
- Violates parol evidence rule
- Unresponsive/volunteered

To exhibits

- Irrelevant
- No foundation
- No authentication
- Contains hearsay / double hearsay
- Prejudice outweighs probative value
- Contains inadmissible matter
- Violates best evidence rule