Name:

Direct Examination of Eyewitness

Preparation Worksheet

Direct examination is when the attorney questions their own witness. They are telling the same story. During direct, the attorney:

* “disappears” as a major presence, giving prominence to the witness
* asks OPEN ENDED QUESTIONS (start with Who, What, Where, When, Why, How)
* gives room to the witness to tell their story
* takes a chronological approach to tell the story

**Witness:**

Background questions to get to know the witness and why they are in Court:

1.

2.

3.

Questions to help the witness tell their story (start with Who, What, Where, When, Why, How):

1.

2.

3.

Ending question/statement to conclude with something you want the jury to remember:

List some possible re-direct questions (to follow up after the other side cross-examines your witness):

1.

2.

3.