

2019 Kansas Statutes

60-228. Persons before whom depositions may be taken. (a) Within the United States. (1) Inside this state. Depositions in this state must be taken before:

(A) An officer or person authorized to administer oaths by the laws of this state; and

(B) a person who is certified as a certified court reporter by the Kansas supreme court.

(2) Outside this state. Outside this state, but within the United States or a territory or insular possession subject to United States jurisdiction, a deposition must be taken before:

(A) An officer authorized to administer oaths by the law in the place of examination; or

(B) a person appointed by the court where the action is pending to administer oaths and take testimony.

(3) Granting of commission. A court of this state in which an action is pending may grant a commission to one or more persons to take depositions inside or outside this state. The clerk may issue the commission under the seal of the court.

(b) In a foreign country. (1) In general. A deposition may be taken in a foreign country:

(A) Under an applicable treaty or convention;

(B) under a letter of request, whether or not captioned a "letter rogatory";

(C) on notice, before a person authorized to administer oaths either by federal law or by the law in the place of examination; or

(D) before a person commissioned by the court to administer any necessary oath and take testimony.

(2) Issuing a letter of request or a commission. A letter of request, a commission, or both may be issued:

(A) On appropriate terms after an application and notice of it; and

(B) without a showing that taking the deposition in another manner is impracticable or inconvenient.

(3) Form of a request, notice or commission. When a letter of request or any other device is used according to a treaty or convention, it must be captioned in the form prescribed by that treaty or convention. A letter of request may be addressed "To the Appropriate Authority in (name of country)." A deposition notice or a commission must designate by name or descriptive title the person before whom the deposition is to be taken.

(4) Letter of request; admitting evidence. Evidence obtained in response to a letter of request need not be excluded merely because it is not a verbatim transcript, because the testimony was not taken under oath or because of any similar departure from the requirements for depositions taken within this state.

(c) Disqualification. A deposition must not be taken before a person who is any party's relative, employee or attorney, who is related to or employed by any party's attorney or who is financially interested in the action.

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