

EXHIBIT SHARE FAQs

EXHIBIT SHARE BENEFITS:

- Save enormous amounts of time and money around organizing, shipping and introducing exhibits.
- Gain control of exhibit-intensive proceedings.
- Manage your deposition exhibits more effectively allowing you to concentrate on your winning strategy.

What is Veritext Exhibit Share?

Exhibit Share is a software tool that allows attorneys to introduce and share exhibits electronically to all attending parties, including the witness and all other counsel, regardless of location. This easy-to-use tool replaces the need for attorneys to bring multiple copies of potential exhibits.

What equipment and other technology does an attorney need to use Exhibit Share?

Any laptop or tablet with internet access will be able to access the platform. If using an Android tablet, the participant must download the Egnyte app.

How much notice does Veritext need to set up Exhibit Share?

Veritext requires 72 hours' advance notice to set up and support a proceeding using Exhibit Share.

Should an attorney bring a hard copy for the witness?

It is highly recommended that an attorney bring a paper copy for any witnesses who are not technologically versed or are unable to operate a computer. This precaution will prevent any complications with the proceeding.

Can the witness bring their own laptop, or does the scheduling attorney need to bring one?

The witness can certainly bring their own laptop, or Counsel can provide it. Veritext Exhibit Share works on all modern-day browsers including Google Chrome, Safari, Edge, and Firefox.

How is Exhibit Share accessed? Is there a separate login? How many people can use it?

After scheduling an Exhibit Share, the Veritext Tech team will email secure account links to the attorney and other participants so that they may set up and access their account.

- Attorneys will need to setup an Exhibit Share (Egnyte) account and synch it to their MyVeritext account. This will enable them to access Exhibit Share within MyVeritext.
- There are an unlimited number of users during a deposition, providing that each user has security rights to participate.

What is the procedure for handling last minute attendees?

The reporter will have extra sets of login credentials for any unexpected attendees. The reporter will share these credentials enabling participants to log in via www.veritext.com/share

Can folders on one's computer be uploaded into Exhibit Share?

Yes, they can. Just drag and drop the folder into the platform and the entire folder structure will upload swiftly.

Can a participant print an exhibit from Exhibit Share at the depo?

Attorneys can download the exhibits and send them to a secure printer.

In which folder do attorneys upload their potential exhibits?

Each firm will have a Private folder. Potential exhibits are loaded in this folder. Other parties cannot view your Private folder.

CAUTION: Do not upload documents directly to the "!!Marked Exhibits" folder. That folder and its contents can be viewed by all parties and is reserved for marked exhibits.

How does an attorney introduce an exhibit?

The attorney will begin the deposition or proceeding and introduce and mark the exhibits:

- The attorney must select the file to introduce.
- From the pop-up menu they click "Introduce Exhibit."
- A new window will open with a preview of the document.
- The attorney clicks the "Introduce Exhibit" button to introduce and distribute the file.
- The attorney introduces the exhibit into the record, e.g, "I am introducing this document as Exhibit 1, which is a Memo dated December 15, 2019."
- The attorney should instruct the witness and all other parties to please click on the exhibit to display it on your screen.

The exhibit is then introduced and all parties have access to it.

What happens if someone brings a paper exhibit (not in the Exhibit Share platform)?

Paper exhibits should be handled in the traditional manner, where the stenographer marks the exhibits and then forwards it to Veritext. Hard copies should be shared with all parties.

NOTE: Once a file is put into the "Introduced" folder it cannot be deleted and replaced from that folder. Contact our tech team to delete any document.

Can a participant word search the exhibits or annotate the exhibits?

- All documents will be automatically OCR'ed when added to Exhibit Share, and can be searched from within the platform
- A participant may download the exhibit to their own device and annotate it. Those annotations are on the participant's own downloaded copy and are not viewable by anyone else.

Can you recommend annotation tools?

Veritext recommends Adobe Acrobat Reader, Adobe Acrobat Professional, and PDF Expert (for tablets).

Can a participant highlight or point to sections?

Part of the uniqueness of Exhibit Share is that it is quite simple to use, therefore, it does not have the functionality of other more complicated tools. Currently, there is no way to highlight or point to sections in the witness's document electronically.

The witness can, however, clearly refer to the exhibit that each participant is viewing verbally, i.e. "On page 2, paragraph one."

If a document is introduced and the attorney does not want to mark it, what happens with it?

Files in the "Introduced" folder cannot be removed. They are viewable by all parties. If not introduced/marked, the attorney should email the Veritext Tech Team vv@veritext.com informing them to remove the file.

Can participating attorneys drag and drop an exhibit from Veritext Exhibit Share to the desktop?

The participating attorney cannot drag and drop an exhibit from the platform to their desktop. However, they can download the exhibit to their desktop by clicking the small box next to the exhibit and selecting download.

Does Exhibit Share work with only certain file types?

Exhibit Share will only stamp PDF files, however it can introduce any file type. The built-in viewer

works for common files types (office files, images, audio, video). Proprietary files need to be downloaded and viewed in their respective software.

Can a paralegal, who has access to Exhibit Share, upload documents the day of the deposition?

If the paralegal was given credentials to the Private Folder, then they can upload exhibits the day of and, in fact, during the deposition. These documents will be uploaded into the Private Folder for the attorney to access.

Does everyone leave the deposition with a set of exhibits?

If the parties wish to download the exhibits during the deposition, they can do so. After the deposition, the exhibits will be available in MyVeritext.

If opposing counsel does not want to use Exhibit Share, will there be hard copies of the exhibits for their use during the deposition?

Opposing counsel should be informed through the deposition notice that electronic exhibits will be used. Below is an example of suggested text to use in the notice.*

"The deposition will be recorded by stenographic means by a court reporter certified to record depositions in the State of {STATE}, and deposition exhibits will be presented and exchanged electronically."

It is the scheduling attorney's choice to use Exhibit Share. A hard copy should be provided by the scheduling attorney if they are aware of opposing counsel's desire not to use Exhibit Share.

What happens when the witness annotates a hard copy exhibit, yet the attorneys are using Exhibit Share to view that same exhibit?

The witness's marked up copy is considered to be the authentic exhibit. The physical copy must be provided to the reporter for marking.

The reporter will send the exhibit to Veritext who will replace the electronic version with a new pdf of the authentic exhibit.

Is there capability to access previously marked exhibits in a case, or only the current exhibits being marked?

If it is an ongoing case, Veritext will provide access to previously marked exhibits upon request. However, in most cases, only the exhibits that the attorney has uploaded to their Private Folder for that particular deposition will be accessible.

Does the witness or attorney who is viewing the introduced exhibit automatically keep a copy? Can this be restricted if the introducing attorney doesn't want the exhibits to be kept by the witness?

The witness or attorney does not get an automatic copy. Any participant is able to download an exhibit onto their computer if they so choose. This is cannot be restricted.

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