

Wired for Complexity: Interstate 35 MDL

HOW VERITEXT MANAGED 100+ PARTIES AND 70+ FIRMS IN ONE OF TEXAS'S LARGEST PERSONAL INJURY MDLS



THE CHALLENGE

When a 133-vehicle pileup on I-35W in Fort Worth became one of the largest of its kind in Texas history, it triggered one of the most complex personal injury MDLs the region had ever seen: **100+ parties, 70+ law firms**, a little over a thousand exhibits, and many plaintiffs represented by their own attorneys.

The technology demands compounded the structural ones. Fifteen in-room attorneys arrived with a mix of devices and format needs: PCs, MacBooks, iPads, hard-copy exhibits, a document camera, and more, while about 78 other attorneys attended the proceedings via Zoom.

Every participant needed to view and interact with exhibits simultaneously — across various devices, formats, and workflows. They turned to Veritext to assist with the litigation support.



OUR SOLUTION

Veritext streamlined the case through three pillars:

Centralized Case Management. Case Manager Bobbi Gay served as the dedicated contact for all 70+ firms, attending every deposition, maintaining session security for remote attendees, ensuring all deliverables were accurate, and sending regular briefings to establish a consistent rhythm of reliable coordination and communication.

Technical Precision On-site. Videographers David Crenshaw and Richard Foster drafted detailed technical floor plans for setups. One managed the remote proceeding needs, the other the in-house details. Together, they created a dedicated room router specific to this case, captured video testimony, ran multiple back-ups, managed exhibit display, and real-time tech support across every device and platform. The standard they held: everything jury-ready, every time.

Continuity on the Record. For organized consistency, Court Reporter Julie Brandt was assigned to every proceeding. She maintained a master appearances document cross-referencing each attorney across all 70+ firms. Her institutional knowledge and talent were so well-matched to the case that when a scheduling conflict arose, the parties agreed to reschedule specifically to keep Brandt as the reporter.



THE RESULT

With a clear organizational structure in place, standards established for accurate deliverables and billing for every party, skilled real-time court reporting, and a videography team set up well ahead of every session, the complex case ran cleanly from start to finish.

Even one defense attorney took notice — calling the operation “a moving machine.”

A plaintiff's attorney agreed. Jason Stephens, Founder & Trial Lawyer at Stephens Law, put it plainly: “Veritext was consistently prepared, adaptable, and technically proficient, ensuring that each deposition and presentation ran smoothly. I would highly recommend Veritext, particularly for significant, multi-party matters where seamless coordination and technical reliability are critical to success.”

Interstate 35 MDL Testimonial

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Veritext served as our dedicated court reporters and videographers in the **In re Interstate 35 MDL Litigation**, which involved the largest vehicle pileup in Texas history.

As co-liaison counsel for the Plaintiffs, I can say without hesitation that Veritext delivered **exceptional service throughout this massive and complex case.**

We conducted more than **130 depositions**, with over **70 law firms** participating **both remotely via Zoom and in person, and with thousands of exhibits introduced.**

Regardless of whether I was using TrialPad, Ipevo, or simply my laptop, Veritext was **consistently prepared, adaptable, and technically proficient**, ensuring that each deposition and presentation ran smoothly.

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By The Numbers
IN RE INTERSTATE 35 MDL



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Hybrid Proceedings
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Exhibits Introduced
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