

**Civil Procedure Oaths to Witness
(Chapter Law 688, Statutes of 2000)**

Chapter Law 688 of the Statutes of 2000, effective January 1, 2001, repeals Sections 2095 to 2097 of the Code of Civil Procedure.

The old law specifies the form of an oath to a witness and variations of the oath to suit the belief of a witness.

The amended law provides that the oath is to no longer include the word "swear," which is replaced with the word "state."

The amended law also provides for an alternative form of the oath for a person who desires to affirm, declare or to avoid swearing or using the phrase, "so help you God."

The oath to a witness is as follows:

"Do you solemnly state that the testimony you are about to give in this matter shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?"

The oath to multiple witnesses is as follows:

"You, and each of you, do solemnly state that the testimony you may give in the cause now pending before this court shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God."

The basic form of the oath to children of tender years is as follows:

"Do you promise that everything you tell here today will be the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth?"

To swear in an interpreter, it would be as follows:

"Do you solemnly state that the interpretation you are about to give from English to Spanish (or whatever language) and Spanish to English shall be true and correct and done to the best of your ability?"