Best Practice Pointer No. 8 Swearing in Witness Mid-Proceeding

Occasionally, a reporter inadvertently does not place the witness under oath prior to the beginning of testimony.

As soon as the reporter realizes the omission, the best practice is to stop the proceeding and place the witness under oath using an amended oath such as: Do you solemnly state the statements you've given and the testimony you're about to give are the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?

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