

## **Texas Rules of Evidence**

### **Direct / Cross Examination**

#### **Rule 611. Mode and Order of Examining Witnesses and Presenting Evidence**

- (a) **Control by the Court; Purposes.** The court should exercise reasonable control over the mode and order of examining witnesses and presenting evidence so as to:
- (1) make those procedures effective for determining the truth;
  - (2) avoid wasting time; and
  - (3) protect witnesses from harassment or undue embarrassment.
- (b) **Scope of Cross-Examination.** A witness may be cross-examined on any relevant matter, including credibility.
- (c) **Leading Questions.** Leading questions should not be used on direct examination except to develop the witness's testimony. Ordinarily, the court should allow leading questions:
- (1) On cross-examination; and
  - (2) When a party calls a hostile witness, an adverse party, or a witness identified with an adverse party.