

False Testimony

Ref: *Sefer Shoftim, Hilchot Edut, Chapter 17*



Not to testify falsely.⁷

For capital cases, witnesses have to actually see and know what happened.

For financial cases witnesses have to actually see or know what happened. This knowing means direct hearing in front of litigants. (and not by any other hearsay)

	Acceptable witness
Witnesses saw and understood an event involving capital punishment	✓
Witnesses saw or heard direct from litigants an event involving finances	✓
Witnesses hear from someone else about an event	×
Witnesses hid and spied on an event	×
Litigants informed witnesses to draw up a legal document (together or even tacit agreement)	✓
A second witness is coerced just to stand with the other witness and not to say anything	×