Tips for Using the Video Editor

- Gather and save ALL the clips from IWitness you want before editing. Remember that the clips are indexed by the minute, not according to what the person is saying, so sometimes you need to save two clips to get everything you want for your video.

- You can also upload your own original media or media you have collected outside of IWitness into your project by selecting 'Import Files' in the Video, Sounds and Images tabs and uploading files you have saved locally on your PC or Mac. You may record your own video and audio as well with the red Record buttons.

- Plan your video! It helps to sketch out a storyboard. There is a blank storyboard template available to download. Consider which parts of your clips you are going to use, the order, cuts to make, and any other visual or audio elements and transitions.

- Drag and drop saved clips from your Videos tab, on the top left of the editor, onto the timeline. ‘Project Videos’ contain the clips of testimony you’ve saved. ‘My Videos’ are any videos you record in IWitness or Import into your project. Click on the video in the timeline to adjust the volume, color and effects.

- Drag and drop images from the Images tab. ‘Project Images’ contain the images you've saved in IWitness. ‘My Images’ are any images you imported into your project. To adjust the color and effects of the image, click on the image and then choose the effects above.

- Split a video clip by dragging the video to the timeline, finding the location where you want to split, and then clicking ‘Split’ in the Preview window. The best way to make sure you split your video in the right place is to play the clip on the Preview window and then hit pause once you have reached the place you want to cut it.

- Use the Sounds icon to add your own sound or choose from the sound clips that are available, then drag to the timeline below. Click on the sound that’s in the timeline to open the fade and volume controls. Use the record button in the Sounds tab, or the red mic icon on the timeline to record your own sounds.

- Sometimes, one of your video clips might be significantly louder or quieter than others. To adjust volume, click on the sound in the timeline, then edit above.

- The Transitions icon shows different types of transitions to be dragged and dropped into the timeline to create visual transitions between clips or video or images. These should be added after you have made all of your cuts and refined your edits to the visuals.

- To add text, click on the Graphics icon. Find the point in the video when you want the text to appear, then drag and drop the graphic into the timeline. Click on the Preview window to edit the text. NOTE: If you don’t want your text to appear over the video or image on your timeline, you must go to the Videos tab and choose ‘Colors’. Insert a color onto the video timeline and adjust the length to match your text.

- The precision of all streaming video editors is limited, meaning that your edit will be within about a second of the moment that you select.

NOTE – Planning includes testing your network, hardware and software. We encourage all users to check our Technical Requirements, linked from the bottom of IWitness pages.