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Testimony Of Expert Witness

(1) During the trial you heard the testimony of [name], who was described as an expert in [field]. This witness was permitted to testify even though this person did not actually witness any of the events involved in this trial.

(2) A person's training and experience may make that witness a true expert in a technical field. The law allows that person to state an opinion here about matters in that particular field. Merely because a witness has expressed an opinion does not mean, however, that you must accept this opinion. The same as with any other witness, it is up to you to decide whether you believe their testimony and choose to rely upon it. Part of that decision will depend on your judgment about whether the witness's background of training and experience is sufficient for the witness to give the expert opinion that you heard. You must also decide whether the witness's opinions were based on sound reasons, judgment, and information.