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EXPERT TESTIMONY

In this case, you have heard the opinion testimony of an expert[s] witness. An expert is someone who has acquired some specialized knowledge, such as scientific or technical knowledge, from experience, training, or education that qualifies the expert to give an opinion as to matters that are not common knowledge. The opinion of the expert may assist you in understanding the evidence or in deciding a fact in issue.

You are not bound by the opinion of an expert. You are free to ignore the expert's opinion if you find that the reasons given in support of the opinion are not sound, or if you find that other evidence outweighs the opinion.