# Expert Witnesses Research Guide

## Overview

This research guide includes information and resources on expert witnesses. An expert witness is qualified by knowledge, skill, experience, training, or education to provide a scientific, technical, or other specialized opinion about the evidence or a fact issue. (*Black's Law Dictionary, 12th Edition*) The resources listed below are not exhaustive and may not include the most up-to-date information. It is for information purposes only and should not be construed as legal advice or act as the substitute for legal counsel.

*Related guides: Jury Trials, Cross-Examinations, Pretrial Conference*

## Statutes and Codes

Texas Statutes Online [www.statutes.capitol.texas.gov](www.statutes.capitol.texas.gov)

Texas Rules of Civil Procedure [https://www.txcourts.gov/media/1457525/texas-rules-of-civil-procedure.pdf](https://www.txcourts.gov/media/1457525/texas-rules-of-civil-procedure.pdf)
- Rule 195 Discovery Regarding Testifying Expert Witnesses In Suits Not Governed By The Family Code

Texas Rules Of Evidence [texas-rules-of-evidence-updated-with-amendments-effective-112018.pdf](texas-rules-of-evidence-updated-with-amendments-effective-112018.pdf)
- Article VII Opinions And Expert Testimony

## Secondary Resources in Print

**Relentless Criminal Cross-Examination REF KF 9658 .M34**
- Ch. 7: Cross-Examination Expert Witness

**NOLO's Deposition Handbook REF KF 8900 .B44**
- Ch. 8: Expert Witness Deponents

**Modern Scientific Evidence: The Law and Science of Expert Testimony KF 8961 .M6315**

**Roach's Texas Rules of Evidence Annotated REF KFT 1740 .R6**

**Weissenberger's Federal Evidence KF 8935 .W42**
- Article 7: Opinions and Expert Testimony:
  - Ch. 701: Rule 701: Opinion Testimony by Lay Witnesses
  - Ch. 702: Rule 702: Testimony by Expert Witnesses
  - Ch. 703: Rule 703: Bases of an Expert Opinion Testimony
  - Ch. 704: Rule 704: Opinion on an Ultimate Issue
  - Ch. 705: Rule 705 Disclosing the Facts or Data Underlying an Expert's Opinion
  - Ch. 706: Rule 706: Court-Appointed Expert Witnesses

**Courtroom Criminal Evidence KF 9660 .C68**
- Vol. 1 Ch. 14: Expert and Lay Opinion Testimony

**Texas DWI Defense: The Law and Practice REF KFT 1497.8 .C64**
- Ch. 13: Expert Witnesses

**Qualifying & Attacking Expert Witnesses REF KF 8961 .C55**

**A Litigator's Guide to Expert Witnesses KF 8961 .K83**

**Expert Witnesses in Civil Trials Effective Preparation and Presentation KF 8961 .L3**

# CLE Materials

**Advanced Evidence and Discovery Law Course KFT 1740 .A75S7**
- 2022 Ch. 8: Effective Strategies for Expert Witness Discovery and Depositions *(PDF Only)*

**Advanced Evidence and Discovery** *(PDF Only)*
- 2024 Ch. 11 Deposing Dr. Strange – Managing the Multiverse of Medical Expert Depositions
- 2024 Ch. 13 Evidence and Discovery Update

**Advanced Intellectual Property Law** *(PDF Only)*
- 2024 Ch. 7 Fireside Chat – Consumer Surveys

**Advanced Medical Torts** *(PDF Only)*
- 2024 Ch. 1 Health Care Liability in Texas

**Advanced Trial Strategies** *(PDF Only)*
- 2024 Ch. 12 Cross Examination
- 2024 Ch. 13 Texas Evidence Handbook: Evidence Update

**Becoming a Family Trial Lawyer** *(PDF Only)*
- 2024 Ch. 5 Expert Witnessess & Witness Preparation

**The Family Lawyer's Essential Tool Kit REF KFT 1294 .F3N5**
- 2024 Ch. 9: Expert Witnesses

**Fiduciary Litigation KFT 1337 .A75 FS4**
- 2020 Ch. 8: Expert Witness Update: Walking the Line Between Fact and Legal Issues

# Online Resources

Expert Witness (Cornell Law)
https://www.law.cornell.edu/wex/expert_witness

Expert Witness Directory (JurisPro)
https://www.jurispro.com/

Daubert Standard (Cornell Law)
https://www.law.cornell.edu/wex/daubert_standard

Challenging Experts in Texas State Court (Kuhn Hobbs) https://kuhnhobbs.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/Challenging-Experts-in-Texas-State-Court.pdf

Sample Questions for Expert Witnesses (DFPS) https://www.dfps.texas.gov/Child_Protection/Attorneys_Guide/documents/Section_13_Tools/Evidence/Questions_Expert_Witness.pdf

# Legal Assistance

**Legal Lines – Ask Attorneys simple legal questions (free service)**
- Tarrant County LegalLine Sign-up
  https://www.tarrantbar.org/
- Dallas County LegalLine Sign-up
  https://www.dallasbar.org/index.cfm?pg=legalline

**Tarrant County Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service**: 817-336-4101 ($20 for the first 30 minutes)