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In this case you have heard evidence from [a witness] [witnesses] who [has] [have] testified as (an) expert witness(es). An expert witness is permitted to testify in the form of an opinion in a field where he purports to have specialized skill or knowledge.

As I have instructed you, you are the sole judges of the credibility of each witness and the weight to be given to the testimony of each witness. In making this determination as to the testimony of an expert witness, you should consider, in addition to the other tests of credibility and weight about which I have already instructed you, the evidence with respect to the witness's training, qualifications, and experience or the lack thereof; the reasons, if any, given for the opinion; whether or not the opinion is supported by facts that you find from the evidence; whether or not the opinion is reasonable; and whether or not it is consistent with the other believable evidence in the case.

You should consider the opinion of an expert witness, but you are not bound by it. In other words, you are not required to accept an expert witness's opinion to the exclusion of the facts and circumstances disclosed by other testimony.