

TESTIMONY OF EXPERT WITNESS. G.S. 8C-1, Rule 702.

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 the witness 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, the witness's training, qualifications, and experience or lack thereof; the reasons, if any, given for the opinion; whether the opinion is supported by facts that you find from the evidence; whether the opinion is reasonable; and whether it is consistent with 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.

