
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to an expert witness' pecuniary interest in a case.

Proposed law (C.E. Art. 702(C)) provides that a witness with a pecuniary interest in the outcome of the case shall not be qualified as an expert.

Proposed law (C.E. Art. 702(D)) defines "pecuniary interest".

Present law (C.C.P. Art. 1425(B)) provides that upon contradictory motion or on the court's own motion, an order may be entered requiring each party that has retained an expert witness to provide a written report prepared and signed by the witnesses.

Present law requires the parties, upon agreement, or if ordered by the court, to include certain provisions in their report.

Proposed law retains present law and adds the disclosure of past cases in which the witness held a pecuniary interest in the outcome of the case including the name of the case and the nature and value of the compensation.

(Amends C.C.P. Art. 1425(B); Adds C.E. Art. 702(C) and (D))