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Abramson HB No. 624

Abstract: Provides criteria for expert testimony.

<u>Present law</u> authorizes a witness qualified as an expert to testify if his specialized knowledge will assist the trier of fact to understand the evidence or determine a fact in issue.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and codifies existing jurisprudence requiring an expert's opinion to have a reliable basis.

(Amends C.E. Art. 702)