**1.08 CREDIBILITY OF EXPERT WITNESSES**

Expert witnesses will testify in this case. Experts have special training, education, skills or knowledge that may be helpful to you. In deciding whether to believe an expert and how much weight to give expert testimony, you should consider the same things that you would when any other witness testifies. In addition, you should consider the following things:

(1) the special qualifications of the expert;

(2) the expert's knowledge of the subject matter involved in the case;

(3) the source of the information considered by the expert; and

(4) the reasons given for the expert's opinion.

As with other witnesses, you must decide whether or not to believe an expert and how much weight to give to expert testimony. You may believe all, part, or none of the testimony of an expert witness. You need not believe an expert even if the testimony is uncontradicted. However, you should act reasonably in deciding whether you believe an expert witness and how much weight to give expert testimony.

Use Note

This instruction should follow Instruction 1.07 and be given in every case in which an expert is to testify.

Comment

This instruction adds to the factors mentioned in Instruction 1.07. It alerts the jury to special factors that might help in the evaluation of expert evidence.