

Preparing an Expert for Court

- Have the expert send a copy of his or her curriculum vita or resume in advance.
- Clarify with the expert the exact and specific area of expertise.
- Inform the expert that he or she will be asked a variety of questions. These may include:
 - education and degrees
 - honors in school
 - specialization in a particular area of practice
 - licenses or certifications in the area of expertise
 - years of experience
 - publications
 - familiarity with relevant professional literature
 - number of cases, such as the one before the court
 - number of times qualified as an expert in court.
- Prepare the expert to testify specifically on the case before the court and have with them the specifics.
- Know what you are asking of the expert.