



## **Qualifications for the Physician Expert Witness**

- 1) The physician expert witness must have a current, valid, and unrestricted license to practice medicine in the state in which he or she practices.
- 2) The physician expert witness should be currently certified by a board recognized by the American Board of Medical Specialties, as well as be qualified by experience or demonstrated competence in the subject of the case.
- 3) The specialty, training, and experience of the physician expert witness should be appropriate to the subject matter in the case.
- 4) The physician expert witness should be familiar with the standard of care provided at the time of the alleged occurrence. In addition, the physician expert witness should have been actively involved in the clinical practice of the specialty or the subject matter of the case within five (5) years from the time the expert was retained to provide an expert opinion in the matter.
- 5) The physician expert witness should be able to demonstrate evidence of continuing medical education relevant to the specialty or the subject matter of the case.
- 6) The physician expert should be prepared to document the percentage of time that is involved in serving as an expert witness. In addition, the physician expert should be willing to disclose the amount of fees or compensation obtained for such activities and the total number of times the physician expert has testified for the plaintiff or defendant.

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