Five Critical Tasks to Thoroughly Vet Expert Witnesses

Expert witness testimony can be a key factor in court proceedings. Will it be persuasive, or a liability? To your advantage, or against it? Performing these five critical tasks of expert witness research will help guide you through the vast amount of information available toward the most relevant and applicable insights for your case.

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01 Review background
Access an expert’s testimony and deposition history, statements, personal background, authored articles and more. Watch for any red flags that would make challenging and/or discrediting the expert possible.

02 Detect inconsistencies
Research testimonial history reports, depositions and transcripts more deeply to reveal inconsistencies. Strengthen your case or weaken the opposition with any prior statements that counter current assertions.

03 Uncover gaps
Verify the information listed on an individual’s CV or resume is consistent, complete and correct. Avoid surprises that a problematic history may present.

04 Expose sanctions and challenges
Discover disciplinary actions, sanctions and/or previous gatekeeping challenges. Raise challenges or find a new expert to avoid challenges altogether, especially if challenges similar to the current matter surface.

05 Identify bias
Know if a potential expert has a special interest in a matter or strong ties to a particular industry that may skew their ability to give an unbiased opinion. Act on potential bias toward plaintiff or defense quickly.

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