References:


Why is an Expert needed?
- When legal system, insurance companies, or arbitrators needs technical knowledge not available to the average person.

Who does the expert work for?
- Attorneys on behalf of plaintiff or defendant. (More often defendant).
- Insurance Companies
- The Court can hire expert as “friend of the court.”
- Individuals.

What Does an “Expert” do?
- Preliminary investigation to determine merits or lack thereof.
- Scientific or technical investigations.
- Pre-trial “discovery procedures.” (depositions, etc.)
- Examination and cross-examination during trial.

Qualifications
- Licensed Professional Engineer
- Prominent or at least well-established in field of question
- No conflict of interest
- No history of testimony that is contradictory
- Balance of forensic work and keeping up to date in field.