

Sec. 1-92-44. Expert witnesses

“Expert witnesses” are individuals who appear before legislative committees or executive agencies to give testimony on subjects concerning which said individuals have specialized or technical expertise, beyond the ken of the average layman, obtained through knowledge, skill, experience, training, or education. The term “lobbyist” does not include an expert witness who provides legislative or administrative testimony where such testimony becomes part of the record of any legislative, regulatory, or administrative agency’s public proceeding: (1) which is conducted as an open public hearing for which notice is given pursuant to applicable law; and (2) of which a record is created in a manner which makes possible the creation of a transcript; and (3) with respect to which full public access is provided according to law, to such record or transcript and to all written material which becomes part of the record; and (4) prior to which a statement of intent to provide testimony as an expert witness, with a summary of his or her credentials in support thereof, shall have been filed with the Office of State Ethics. Payments to expert witnesses shall be reported in the financial report of client registrants in the same manner as other expenditures for lobbying activities are presently reported.

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