

Supreme Court of Illinois Decision has Implications on Use of Expert Witness

Secured a new trial for a pro bono client accused of murdering his wife in a decision that will have major implications for the use of expert witnesses in criminal and civil cases. The Illinois Appellate Court found—affirmed by the Supreme Court of Illinois after argument by partner Matthew Carter—that the “expert testimony” provided by a television actor and retired law enforcement professional was improper because the witness had no medical qualifications to opine on the victim’s manner of death.

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