

### **3.08 Opinion Testimony**

You have heard [a witness] [witnesses] give opinions about matters requiring special knowledge or skill. You should judge this testimony in the same way you judge the testimony from any other witness. The fact that such person has given an opinion does not mean that you are required to accept it. Give the testimony whatever weight you think it deserves, considering the reasons given for the opinion, the witness's qualifications, and all of the other evidence in the case.

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#### **Notes on Use**

This instruction should be given in any case in which opinion testimony is admitted. In a professional negligence case, IPI 105.01 or 105.03.01 (2006) should also be given. See *Auten v. Franklin*, 404 Ill.App.3d 1130, 942 N.E.2d 500, 347 Ill.Dec. 297 (4th Dist. 2010). The instruction mirrors the language of the 7th Circuit Approved Instruction 1.21.