

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENT FOR CLASS 13

A part of preparing for trial is determining what additional forensic experts would support and strengthen your case. The NITA CASE file assigned to you has possible holes in proof-some missing statistics or inference from facts.

These should occur to you as you review the list of witness statements, photographs and documents. Some additional fact or argument that could be developed for closing (or possibly opening) argument that an additional expert would bring. What expert opinion in what scientific or professional field could add an additional argument to your cause? It might be statistics that only an expert can bring or an inferred conclusion only an expert is permitted to offer.

For example: in a case where the driver of an automobile was killed in a collision with a drunk driver, someone who has studied the problem on our highways presented by impaired drivers could verify these statistics from reputable studies:

“In 2019, **10,265** people died in alcohol-impaired driving crashes, accounting for nearly one-third (**29%**) of all traffic-related deaths in the United States. Of the 1, **1,132** traffic deaths among children ages 0 to **14** years in 2015, **209 (16%)** involved an alcohol-impaired driver”.

Submit in writing:

The name of the expert (fictional for this case)

The type of expert they are (i.e psychology, specialized medical practice, business, criminal investigation etc...)

A short list of the qualifications you would ascribe to them to qualify them as an expert on the opinion or statistics you desire to offer.

Their ultimate opinion or statistics.

This should also be shared with the other two members of your group assigned to the NITA case.