

1.12 GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR STANDARD CHARGE
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K. Credibility (*short version*)

You will have to decide which witnesses to believe and which witnesses not to believe. Regardless of whether the witness is a lay person or expert, you may believe everything a witness said or only part of it or none of it.

In deciding what testimony to believe, you may take into consideration:

1. the witness' interest, if any in the outcome of this case;
2. the accuracy of the witness' recollection;
3. the witness' ability to know what he/she is talking about;
4. the reasonableness of the testimony;
5. the witness' demeanor on the stand;
6. the witness' candor or evasion;
7. the witness' willingness or reluctance to answer;
8. the inherent believability of the testimony;
9. the presence of any inconsistent or contradictory statements.