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## **Massachusetts Medical Society**

**Expert Witness Attestation Statement** 

I attest that I will adhere to the following standards for expert testimony as established by the Massachusetts Medical Society:

A physician expert witness must be board certified in the same specialty as the defendant physician when providing expert testimony on the standard of care provided by the defendant, or board certified in their specialty when providing any other relevant expert testimony in the case. Board certification shall be with a specialty board recognized by the American Board of Medical Specialties or the American Osteopathic Association.

A physician expert witness must be actively engaged in the clinical practice of medicine.

A physician expert witness must be aware of and comply with the American Medical Association's (AMA) policies on Medical Testimony, False Testimony, Peer Review of Medical Expert Witness Testimony, Expert Witness Testimony, AMA-ABA Statement on Interprofessional Relations for Physicians and Attorneys, and other applicable expert witness testimony standards, guidelines, principles, and codes of ethics established by the American Medical Association.

A physician expert witness must acknowledge and comply with expert witness testimony standards, guidelines, principles, and codes of ethics established by the national specialty society for the testifying physician's specialty, and sign, if such exists, an affirmation of compliance.

A physician must be available at trial if rendering an opinion at the tribunal stage of the proceedings.

A physician expert witness must be aware that the Federation of State Medical Boards defines false, fraudulent, or deceptive testimony as unprofessional conduct, and that such testimony may be actionable by the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine or any other state licensing boards with whom the physician expert witness holds licenses to practice medicine.

A physician expert witness must be willing to submit transcripts of depositions and courtroom testimony to independent peer review by the appropriate specialty society.

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