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5. Competency of an Expert Witness

The Supreme Court reviews a district court's determination regarding the qualification and competency of an expert witness for an abuse of discretion. [*State v. Jay*](#), 2013 MT 79, ¶ 15, 369 Mont. 332, 298 P.3d 396; see also *Nesbitt v. City of Butte*, 118 Mont. 84, 93, 163 P.2d 251, 256 (1945).

Trial courts are vested with great latitude in ruling on the admissibility of expert testimony. The Supreme Court reviews a district court's rulings on the admissibility of expert testimony for abuse of discretion. [*Cartwright v. Scheels All Sports, Inc.*](#), 2013 MT 158, ¶ 37, 370 Mont. 369, 310 P.3d 1080.