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The Role and Functions of a Vocational Expert in Litigation

1. What is a Vocational Expert?

The purpose of a vocational expert is to provide an analysis of an individual's earning capacity.

2. Types of Cases for Vocational Experts

- a. Personal Injury
- b. Medical Malpractice
- c. Product Liability
- d. Divorce/Marital Dissolution
- e. Employment Discrimination
- f. Americans with Disability Act
- g. Social Security Disability Determination
- h. Workers' Compensation

3. Tasks of the Vocational Expert

- a. Classifying Past Relevant Work (Job Titles)
- b. Describing Past Relevant Work (Skills/Exertion)
- c. Assessing Abilities and Aptitudes (Testing)
- d. Measuring Earning Capacity and/or Loss (Wages/Salary)
- e. Defining Labor Market Access (Available Jobs)
- f. Act as an Expert Witness in Court
- g. Educate the Jury