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Abstract: Provides for personal opinion testimony by a character witness of a person's character or character trait at issue.

Present law provides that a character witness is permitted to testify only to the general reputation of a person.

Proposed law adds that a character witness is permitted to testify on his personal opinion of a person.

Present law provides for the foundation for testifying on the general reputation of a person.

Proposed law requires that a character witness provide a foundation establishing his familiarity with a person's reputation.

Proposed law requires that a character witness must have a sufficient relationship with the person about whose reputation he is testifying.

(Amends C.E. Arts. 405(A) and (C), 608(A)(intro. para.), (2), and (3); Adds C.E. Arts. 405(D) and 608(A)(4))