

Texas Rule of Evidence 614

Rule 614. Excluding Witnesses (Known as “Invoking the Rule”)

At a party’s request, the court must order witnesses excluded so that they cannot hear other witnesses’ testimony, or the court may do so on its own. But this rule does not authorize excluding:

- (a) a party who is a natural person and, in civil case, that person’s spouse;
- (b) after being designated as the party’s representative by its attorney;
 - (1) in a civil case, an officer or employee of a party that is not a natural person;
or
 - (2) in a criminal case, a defendant that is not a natural person; or
- (c) a person whose presence a party shows to be essential to presenting the party’s claim or defense; or ...

NOTE: Courts generally find that experts are exempt from the Rule.