

1 Rule 608. Evidence of character and conduct of witness.

2 (a) Opinion and reputation evidence of character.

3 The credibility of a witness may be attacked or supported by evidence in the form of opinion or
4 reputation, but subject to these limitations: (1) the evidence may refer only to character for
5 truthfulness or untruthfulness, and (2) evidence of truthful character is admissible only after the
6 character of the witness for truthfulness has been attacked by opinion or reputation evidence or
7 otherwise.

8 (b) Specific instances of conduct. Specific instances of the conduct of a witness, for the purpose
9 of attacking or supporting the witness' ~~credibility~~ character for truthfulness, other than conviction of
10 crime as provided in Rule 609, may not be proved by extrinsic evidence. They may, however, in the
11 discretion of the court, if probative of truthfulness or untruthfulness, be inquired into on cross-
12 examination of the witness (1) concerning the witness' character for truthfulness or untruthfulness, or
13 (2) concerning the character for truthfulness or untruthfulness of another witness as to which
14 character the witness being cross-examined has testified.

15 The giving of testimony, whether by an accused or by any other witness, does not operate as a
16 waiver of the accused's or the witness' privilege against self-incrimination when examined with
17 respect to matters ~~which~~ that relate only to ~~credibility~~ character for truthfulness.

18 (c) Evidence of bias. Bias, prejudice or any motive to misrepresent may be shown to impeach the
19 witness either by examination of the witness or by evidence otherwise adduced.

20 Advisory Committee Note: This amendment is in order to be consistent with changes made to
21 the Federal Rule.

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