

TESTIMONY OF CHARACTER WITNESS¹

Evidence of good character or reputation of an accused is always competent in the trial of a criminal action, and is entitled to be considered by you.

You, the jury, should consider all of the relevant testimony, including that relating to the defendant's good character or reputation, and if, on such consideration, there exists a reasonable doubt of his/her guilt, even though that doubt may arise merely from his/her previous good repute, he/she is entitled to an acquittal; but if, from the entire evidence in this case, including that relating to good character, you believe the defendant guilty beyond a reasonable doubt, he/she should be convicted and the evidence of good character should not alter the verdict.

¹ See State v. Reyes, 50 N.J. 434, 466 (1967); State v. Micci, 46 N.J. Super. 454, 459-460 (App. Div. 1957)