A lot has been written about whether ethicists are experts, what the ethicist’s expertise consists of, and whether ethicists may provide expert opinion testimony, i.e. courtroom testimony. Truth be told, philosophers believe that there is considerably more to the word ‘testimony’ than is or can be covered by forensic testimony. This talk will explore one specific area where ethicists often provide expert opinion ‘testimony’ outside of the courtroom setting, and examine what—if anything—this state of affairs suggests about ethics, ethicists and their ‘testimony’.

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