

THE EXPERT WITNESS TOOLKIT: DRAFTING AND DELIVERING EXPERT EVIDENCE

COURSE INFORMATION

As an expert witness, your report is the foundation of your credibility. Expert witnesses play a critical role in legal proceedings, but even the most knowledgeable professionals can falter if their report lacks structure or fail under cross-examination. This course has been designed to give you the practical skills and structured approach needed to deliver reports and evidence that are robust and persuasive.

AUDIENCE

This course has been designed for expert witnesses and professionals who instruct them to act in legal proceedings.

COURSE LENGTH AND DELIVERY METHODS

The course is one day in length. It can be delivered virtually or in-person.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

By the end of this course, participants will be able to:

- Set clear terms of reference, define roles, responsibilities and compliance with Civil and Criminal Procedure Rules.
- Understand the role of an expert witness in disclosure, compliance with CPIA and how to manage conflict of interest.
- Apply a structured approach to reports through integrating data and references correctly within reports.
- Understand and comply with formalities and procedural requirements.
- Maintain objectivity and professional integrity throughout reports.
- Build logical, persuasive arguments that withstand scrutiny.
- Know how to review work to maintain objectivity and independence.
- Know how to present evidence, anticipate challenges and insulate reports against cross-examination.

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