

TRIAL PREPARATION

COURSE INFORMATION

No case is the same and each one will provide different challenges. What remains a constant, is that preparation is key to gaining credibility and confidence as a trial advocate. That preparation differs vastly for a Prosecution advocate who will rely heavily on their own assessment of the case and effective case management hearings at Court. However, experience demonstrates the unexpected twists and turns that a case may take in the lead up to and during trial.

Aswell as knowing the case inside and out, this course will focus on the practical tips and pitfalls to ensuring delegates can be confident in preparation but also adaptable to a change of circumstance.

Delegates will focus on case analysis, case theory and how to create a foundation for an effective trial strategy.

It covers essential stages of trial preparation, from case review to courtroom presentation. The course will cover court etiquette, examination and cross examination techniques, structuring opening and closing speeches, speaking to witnesses at court and legal applications including applications to stay proceedings.

Using a combination of practical exercises, this course builds confidence, sharpens decision-making, and promotes resilient preparation under pressure.

AUDIENCE

Suitable for lawyers of all levels.

COURSE LENGTH AND DELIVERY METHODS

This is a one-day course and can be delivered virtually or in-person.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

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

- Conduct an effective case analysis and develop a sound case theory.
- Draft strong opening and closing submissions.
- Conduct effective examination techniques.
- Confidently engage with witnesses, experts, and victims.
- Anticipate legal challenges and tactical response.
- Present evidence clearly and persuasively in court.
- Uphold professional conduct and trial advocacy standards.

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