

THE ROLE OF A PRIVATE PROSECUTOR

COURSE INFORMATION

This course explores the legal and procedural considerations of private prosecutions within the criminal justice system. It offers delegates an understanding of how private individuals, companies, and organisations can initiate criminal proceedings where public prosecution is unavailable or inappropriate.

The course will focus on the legal basis and statutory framework for private prosecutions; interaction with the Crown Prosecution Service and prosecutorial discretion; compliance with the Code for Crown Prosecutors; evidential standards and the public interest test; disclosure obligations and case preparation; and risk management.

AUDIENCE

This course has been designed for lawyers involved in preparing or undertaking private prosecutions.

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:

- Identify the relevant frameworks.
- Assess alternative routes to prosecution.
- Apply the Code for Crown Prosecutors.
- Develop an investigative and prosecution strategy.
- Conduct effective risk management.
- Formulate third party strategic response.
- Undertake effective case management, presentation and prosecution.

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