

GIVING EVIDENCE IN CRIMINAL LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

COURSE INFORMATION

Without witnesses the criminal justice system cannot be effective, therefore it is important that witnesses understand the court process. For some, the thought of attending court can be a nerve-wracking experience especially for those who have never been to court before. But, with good preparation, understanding the roles, and what the process is, it doesn't have to be scary.

AUDIENCE

This course has been designed for any individual who may be required to attend court to provide evidence in legal proceedings. It is therefore suitable for investigators, enforcement officers, evidence gatherers, disclosure officers, intelligence officers, prosecutors, team leaders and managers. It is also suitable for those involved in supporting witnesses who may be required to attend court.

COURSE LENGTH AND DELIVERY METHODS

The course is a half-day session and provides 3 CPD credits.

It can be delivered virtually or in-person.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

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

- Understand the structure and processes of criminal courts, including courtroom etiquette and expectations.
- Recognise the importance of witness credibility and how this can impact a case.
- Prepare effectively for attending court to provide evidence.
- Demonstrate professionalism and confidence when presenting evidence and responding to cross-examination.
- Know how to use contemporaneous notes and documentation.

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