REDUCING THE RISK OF APPEAL

COURSE INFORMATION

When an investigation has resulted in charge, the trial process can bring developments at a fast pace in which professionals are reactive to time pressures. In that time, events unfold quickly and even the strongest of cases are challenged. In those that result in a conviction, those involved in the lifespan of the case (including the victim, defendants and their families) think that's the end. When the notice of Appeal is served, the impact cannot be underestimated. Be it a conviction against sentence, conviction or both understanding the triggers are key to limiting the situations where an Appeal may arise in respect of conviction.

This course will analyse the role of law enforcement, the Prosecutor and the Courts in both the trial and procedure that follows. It is designed to equip criminal justice professionals, particularly lawyers and investigators with the knowledge and strategies needed to minimise the risk of post-conviction appeals. By focusing on lawful procedure, effective evidence handling, throughout the case to promote integrity, fairness, and resilience in decision-making.

Delegates will receive guidance and take part in interactive workshops on procedural compliance, insulation techniques and best practice.

AUDIENCE

This course is ideally suited for both prosecutors and investigators.

COURSE LENGTH AND DELIVERY METHODS

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

COURSE OBJECTIVES

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

- Understand common grounds for appeal.
- Have an effective trial strategy.
- Limit scope for an appeal against conviction.
- Respond effectively to appeals.
- Safeguard victims and witnesses.
- Develop best practice and procedural compliance.

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