

HEARSAY EVIDENCE WITHIN CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS

COURSE INFORMATION

This course offers a detailed and practical examination of hearsay evidence within criminal proceedings, under the Criminal Justice Act 2003 and relevant case law. It explores the legal framework, definition and scope, statutory exceptions, and judicial discretion surrounding hearsay. Delegates will consider practical challenges in preparation, presentation and strategic considerations.

Hearsay can cause anxiety for professionals from early investigation through to case preparation and presentation. The course is designed to cover all aspects of the Act including exceptions to the rule against Hearsay, the application of safeguards, case preparation, rules of court and potential challenges.

Through practical case studies and guided analysis delegates will gain the confidence on how to effectively manage hearsay from initial scene attendance through to presentation and use at Court. This course builds confidence in identifying, managing, and presenting hearsay evidence effectively.

AUDIENCE

For investigators, lawyers, and criminal justice practitioners.

COURSE LENGTH AND DELIVERY METHODS

This is a six-hour course. It can be delivered virtually or in-person.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

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

- Understand the definition and scope of hearsay
- Apply the statutory gateways for admissibility
- Develop a clear strategy from inception to conclusion of a case
- Deal with practical challenges in preparation and presentation
- Draft effective hearsay applications

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