

# Witness Familiarisation Training



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Persuasive oral evidence in Court is often central to successful litigation. Both lay and expert witnesses can benefit from an understanding of the trial process and the nature of examination, and from practising their answering techniques.

The College of Law offers a unique in-house training programme covering all aspects of witness and courtroom familiarisation training.

## Key outcomes

The objectives of this programme are to:

- familiarise participants with courtroom procedure and layout
  - allow participants an opportunity to practise the skills of giving evidence effectively
  - give participants an opportunity to consider effective courtroom techniques
  - familiarise participants with these skills through 'learning by doing'
  - emphasise the role and purpose of examination-in-chief
  - introduce effective strategies for being a witness during examination-in-chief
  - emphasise the role and purpose of cross-examination
  - introduce effective strategies for being a witness during cross-examination
  - introduce participants to various defence questioning techniques and tactics
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## Who is the course for?

The course is designed for a minimum of 4 participants and a maximum of 8, and is designed to benefit those likely to attend any court or tribunal as a witness whether in a lay or expert capacity. All courses enable each participant to practise the giving of evidence on examination-in-chief, and on cross-examination, at least once during the day.

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## The Course

This is a one-day course run by trainers who have substantial professional experience of conducting courtroom advocacy as either a barrister or solicitor. When there are more than 4 participants, the course is usually conducted with two trainers so that the benefit of the training is maximised.

A range of case studies has been developed for use with the course in order to ensure that court protocols on witness familiarisation are observed. The particular case study to be used will be determined in discussion with the client. Participants will receive the case study materials and detailed instructions in advance of the course.

The structure of the course involves a combination of short trainer presentations, participant exercises, and trainer critiquing of the participant's performances.

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## Completion

The course is accredited for 6 hours CPD.

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“Well structured, well presented and the right blend of seriousness and humour.

One of the best one day courses I have attended in 30 years.”

*Alan Day*

*Senior Manager, Transport for London*

“I have come away with lots of new information and a lot more confidence for court appearances. It was delivered clearly and both trainers were excellent.”

*Gemma Harvey*

*Partner, Department of Work and Pensions*

“It covered a wide range of aspects, was interactive and enabled everyone to be involved and get a feeling for what it was like to be interviewed.”

*Katie Johnston*

*Financial Investigator, Assets Recovery Agency*

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