

Witness statements – drafting witness statements that comply with the rules

Thursday, 14 October 2021
14:00 - 15:00

- The mandatory requirements for witness statements and the consequences of non-compliance
- Protecting the witness from the lawyer
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- Witness statements and proportionality
- Where lawyers go badly wrong with witness evidence
- Explaining the significance of the statement of truth.
- A checklist for taking a statement



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Expert evidence: Understanding the basics and avoiding the pitfalls

Wednesday, 20 October 2021
12:00 - 13:00

- The rules relating to expert evidence
- “Who is an “expert
- Obtaining the Court’s permission to rely on expert evidence
- The admissibility of expert evidence
- The lawyer’s role & interactions with the expert
- ”Experts behaving badly” how to spot this and what to do



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Civil Evidence and social media

Thursday, 28 October 2021
12:00 - 13:00

- Social media as a resource for the personal injury litigator (providing links to blogs, tweeters and other online sources of information for the personal injury practitioner)
- Social media in personal injury litigation
- Cases where parties (particularly defendants) have used social media
- Cases where social media has been used to undermine the claimant
- Whether social media can assist claimants



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Surveillance evidence in personal injury cases

Thursday, 4 November 2021
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This webinar deals with practice and procedure in relation to the production of surveillance evidence in personal injury cases.

- A detailed look at the rules and cases on surveillance:
- Is the defendant allowed to rely on surveillance evidence?
- Are there limits to what a defendant can do?
- When should surveillance evidence be served?
- Those cases where the defendant has been refused permission to rely on surveillance evidence.
- What is the appropriate response to surveillance evidence?"



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Disclosure and documentary evidence

Friday, 19 November 2021
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- The claimant's duty of disclosure.
- What are "documents"?
- The difference between a reasonable request and a "fishing expedition".
- The defendant's duty of disclosure.
- What documents the claimant can seek from a defendant.
- Using documents to establish liability.
- The importance of "missing" documents.



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Proving damages!

Thursday, 25 November 2021
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This webinar looks at the challenges facing practitioners having to prove damages at trial.

It looks at those cases where claimants have failed to establish damage, or key heads of loss and the practical steps that can be taken to ensure that losses are established at trial.



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