

Witness statements: the statements of truth and social isolation

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This webinar looks at the rules and guidance for litigators drafting witness statement. It pays particular attention to the stark warning given in the statement of truth from 6th April onwards and provides guidance for those responsible for gathering evidence, drafting witness statements, and explaining the statement of truth in a time of social isolation.

- The mandatory requirements for witness statements and the consequences of non-compliance.
- The ethical considerations of drafting witness statements.
- Signature of the witness statement - will an e-signature suffice?
- Preparing the witness statement.
- Protecting the witness from the lawyer.
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- Witness statements and proportionality.
- Where lawyers go badly wrong with witness evidence.
- A checklist for taking a statement (again with particular emphasis on taking statements and explaining matters remotely)

Technical requirements

You will need access to the internet on your PC, plus audio speakers. If you do not have access to speakers you will be able to receive audio via a phone line. Further information on how to log on to the webinar will be sent via email a week before the event.



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