

Cross Examination of Experts Workshop

The New Barristers Committee is conducting another workshop for juniors to further hone their advocacy skills. The next (free) cross-examination workshop will be held in June-July 2010.

The material is based upon a commercial scenario. However, this does not mean that it is only for barristers who practise in the civil jurisdiction. The workshop is designed to develop advocacy (cross examination) skills generally, and is relevant to both civil and criminal practitioners. It is being provided solely for junior practitioners i.e. barristers with less than 6 years experience at the NSW Bar.

What will the workshop entail?

By Monday 14 June 2010

Form a group with your peers (say 4 barristers), and register for the workshop. If you are not able to form a group, still feel free to register for the workshop, and the Committee will assist you in forming a group.

Week of 21 June 2010

You will receive an email containing the finalised groups and materials to be used for cross-examination (instructions, expert report and related materials). In addition, Justice Pembroke and Tony Meagher SC will present a CPD seminar on 'Cross Examination of Experts' on Tuesday 29 June 2010.

Week of 28 June 2010

In your group, decide on a mutually convenient time for you all to meet and conduct the mock cross-examination of the 'expert' (for about 20 minutes each), with each person taking it in turns to be the expert and then examiner. Participants are encouraged to invite a more senior member from one of their floors to attend the mock cross examination, to provide additional comments and feedback.

Week of 12 July 2010

Come to the Federal Court and watch senior members of the Bar cross examine expert witnesses (using the same materials you have received) and discuss with them their forensic choices, and any other questions you have arising from the exercise or regarding the cross-examination of experts more generally.

To register your interest in the New Barristers Cross-Examination Skills Workshop, please contact Jo Musumeci (jmusumeci@nswbar.asn.au, 9229 1722).

Registrations of interest must be received by Monday 14 June 2010.