

EXPERT WITNESS INSTITUTE

2018 EVENTS

19 February, 6:00pm – 8:00pm
& 15 October, 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Experts' Meetings – Know Your Opponent

159-161 Temple Chambers, 3-7 Temple Avenue, London EC4Y 0DA
Lecturer: Dr Thomas Walford MEWI
CPD: 1.5 hours

This evening seminar examines the important pre-trial stage of the experts' meeting. This meeting brings together experts from both sides to narrow and agree the issues that the Court needs to consider and it tests the technical knowledge, analytical skills and negotiating abilities of an expert witness under pressure. This seminar will give you the tools and information you need to conduct successful experts' meetings.

Course outline:

- Legal requirements
- Preparing for the meeting
- Agreeing an agenda
- Do's and Don'ts
- The role of solicitors throughout the process
- The Joint Statement – what should it include and when should it be completed?

EWI Member Rate: £40
Non-member Rate: £60 (including drinks and nibbles)

23 February, 9:30am – 5:00pm
& 13 July, 9:30am – 5:00pm

Report Writing I

159-161 Temple Chambers, 3-7 Temple Avenue, London EC4Y 0DA
Lecturer: Lynden Alexander
CPD: 6 hours

This seminar provides the fundamental skills needed to write high-quality expert reports. The framework of court rules and procedure that form the context for expert reports will be explained, as will the basic evidential writing skills necessary to produce reports that fulfil all the requirements of the litigation process. Throughout the seminar, extracts from expert reports will be used to highlight the differences between well and poorly drafted reports.

Course outline:

- Court requirements of expert reports
- Purpose of the expert report in the litigation process
- Communicating effectively with the lawyers
- Expert report structures and templates
- Opinion writing: essential requirements
- Evidential writing skills
- Common problems in reports (and how to avoid these)

EWI Member Rate: £260
Non-member Rate: £290 (including lunch)

London: 2 March 2018, 10:00am – 4:00pm
& 26 November 2018, 10:00am – 4:00pm
Birmingham: 11 June, 10:00am – 4:00pm

A Journey Through The English Legal System

London: 159-161 Temple Chambers, 3-7 Temple Avenue, EC4Y 0DA
Birmingham: The Studio 7 Cannon Street, B2 5EP
Lecturer: Glenn Robinson
CPD: 6 hours

It is essential that all expert witnesses understand the legal framework and how their role as an expert witness fits into the English legal system, both historically and contextually. This interactive course is designed provide a comprehensive overview and insight into the UK's judiciary and legal system, as judges increasingly become more demanding of expert witnesses.

Course outline:

- The expert witness' duty to the court
- Importance of report compliance - the different rules that apply and why
- What to expect if you end up having to appear in court
- Court terminology and the unique language of the judicial system
- Anatomy of court law and the different court systems
- The UK Constitution and a history of the English Legal System
- Key court cases and reforms relevant to expert witnesses
- Sources of law

EWI Member Rate: £260
Non-member Rate: £290 (including lunch)

London: 12 March, 6:00pm – 8:00pm
Birmingham: 10 September, 6:00pm – 8:00pm

How To Market Yourself As An Expert Witness & Ensure You Get Paid

London: 159-161 Temple Chambers, 3-7 Temple Avenue, EC4Y 0DA
Birmingham: The Studio 7 Cannon Street, B2 5EP
Lecturer: Paul Raine BSc FRICS MEWI
CPD: 1.5 hours

This evening seminar deals with the challenging task of creating, managing and promoting yourself as an expert witness. Professionals, although specialists in their own area of practice, are often unsure of the principles of running what is essentially a micro business. You've provided a high quality service, delivering everything your instructing solicitor required on time, and yet you have to battle to get paid. You're not alone - research shows as many as 50 per cent of experts do not get paid on time – but what can you do about it? This session will explore ways you can significantly improve your chances of being paid on time, and provide remedies for those times that you do not. This seminar will help any expert witness to fully capitalise on their expert knowledge and create a successful practice.

EWI Member Rate: £40
Non-member Rate: £60 (including drinks and nibbles)

23 April, 6:00pm – 8:00pm
& 5 November, 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Expert Essentials

159-161 Temple Chambers, 3-7 Temple Avenue, London EC4Y 0DA
Lecturer: Glenn Robinson
CPD: 1.5 hours

This seminar is for professionals considering a career as an expert witness. Before becoming an expert it is essential to do your groundwork, and this seminar will provide everything you need to know about becoming an expert, what is expected from you, how demanding this additional career could be and how fulfilling it can be.

Course outline:

- Understand the duties of an expert
- Understand the different rules and procedures across civil, criminal and family courts
- Understand the different aspects of providing expert evidence – report writing, experts meetings, oral evidence
- Explore the role of a professional body in supporting your development as an expert witness
- Explore the opportunities for developing an expert witness practice

EWI Member Rate: £40
Non-member Rate: £60 (including drinks and nibbles)

14 May, 9:30am – 1:30pm
& 8 October 2018, 9:30am – 1:30pm

Confidence In The Courtroom

159-161 Temple Chambers, 3-7 Temple Avenue, London EC4Y 0DA
Lecturer: Giles Eyre, Barrister
CPD: 4 hours

This half day course gives delegates an understanding of the court process, procedures and practices. It looks at ways to ensure maximum pre-trial preparation and provides advice and techniques on how to excel during cross-examination. It will also highlight the importance of CPR compliance when asked to provide oral evidence.

Course outline:

- Understand the latest updates to court procedures as they apply to giving evidence
- Pre-trial preparation
- The art of cross-examination
- How to conduct yourself effectively in court

EWI Member Rate: £180
Non-member Rate: £220 (including refreshments)

18 May, 9:30am – 5:00pm
& 7 December, 9:30am – 5:00pm

Report Writing II

159-161 Temple Chambers, 3-7 Temple Avenue, London EC4Y 0DA
Lecturer: Lynden Alexander & Giles Eyre
CPD: 6 hours

This seminar explores all the latest developments in expert witness report writing and provides advice and tools to enhance your report writing skills. Building on the fundamentals of Report Writing I, you will learn techniques and strategies that will enable you to deliver more impactful evidence across increasingly complex issues.

Course outline:

- Explore the fundamental categories of legal test and understand its importance in evidence
- Understand the thought process for applying legal tests correctly using simple and complex factual and technical scenarios
- Understand how to generate a list of issues prior to the production of the report
- Develop and enhance opinion writing skills for complex cases, such as causation, damage and quantum
- Learn how to deal with the range of professional opinion on issues in dispute
- Learn approaches for dealing with reporting situations involving technical or complex issues

EWI Member Rate: £260
Non-member Rate: £290 (including lunch)

27 September, 9:30am – 5:00pm
20th Annual Conference And Dinner

Church House Conference Centre, Dean's Yard, London SW1P 3NZ
CPD: 6 hours

The Expert Witness Institute Annual Conference welcomes expert witnesses, solicitors, barristers and eminent judges with a programme filled with informative legal updates, vibrant debate and case law analysis. This is an unmissable opportunity to network with fellow experts and the legal community to strengthen your role in the legal sphere and increase your earning potential.

29 October, 6:00pm – 8:00pm
Legal Updates for Expert Witnesses

159-161 Temple Chambers, 3-7 Temple Avenue, London EC4Y 0DA
Lecturer: Dr John Sorabji
CPD: 1.5 hours

This evening seminar looks over the last 18 months at all significant judgements and procedural changes that impact experts and the giving of expert evidence. In this lecture Dr Sorabji considers the latest case law developments providing guidance on how these changes impact on expert witnesses.

EWI Member Rate: £40
Non-member Rate: £60 (including drinks and nibbles)