

Benefits of EWI Membership

●**Expert Referral Service:** One of the primary functions of the EWI is to source expert witness work for our members. Through appearing on our website as well as our member database your name and contact details will be frequently provided to solicitors seeking experts with your specialism.

●**Designatory EWI Logo:** All members are entitled to use the designatory logos to indicate that they have met the technical, legal and quality standards for criteria for all categories of EWI membership.

●**Representation:** The EWI make representations, on behalf of experts, to the Government and to professional bodies and associations wherever appropriate.

●**Helpline:** Free and unlimited use of the EWI Helpline, offering support and advice to expert witnesses.

●**Website:** Up-to-the-minute access to all the important expert witness documents, including: An 'Example Form of Expert's Report', 'Terms and Conditions of Engagement', current legislation and much more. The EWI website also provides members with links to other useful websites, an EWI Book Club, notice board and up to date information on all our events. There is also the option for members to advertise their services on the EWI website. The EWI website's hit rate continues to grow and many visitors to the site are solicitors looking to instruct experts. All members receive a basic listing but for an extra £50 you can have a full enhanced listing including CV and photograph.

●**Training and Education:** There is an important role for the EWI to play in ensuring that the experts, who are recognised by the court under the new rules, are competent and fully cognisant of their responsibilities. The EWI runs courses and seminars throughout the year on topical issues. Joint conferences with other leading organisations are held regularly. Members enjoy discounts to all events. All courses are CPD/CPE registered.

●**EWI Publications:** The EWI Newsletter is issued quarterly, it is free to all members, and contains the latest case notes, articles of interest designed to make sure experts have access to the most up-to-date information.

●**Professional Indemnity Insurance Package:** The EWI PI package provides £1million cover for all expert witness work at a cost of £106 per annum plus VAT.

●**Discounts on External Publications:** Via the EWI Book Club members can receive discounts on publications including "*Experts in the Civil Courts*" under the editorship of Sir Louis Blom-Cooper QC, published by Oxford University Press for EWI and many more pertinent publications.

●**Mentoring:** All Provisional Members are assigned a mentor from one of the Fellows of the Institute, to assist them in gaining full membership. They communicate with their mentee to provide them with advice on report writing, appearing in court and how to manage their expert witness micro business alongside their main profession.

●**Discounted Hotel Accommodation:** The EWI has organised discount up to 45% per night at 13 hotels across London with the [Grange Hotel Group](#). [Best Western Hotels](#) are offering members a discount of 20% in their hotels UK wide. For booking forms for these offers please contact the office.

●**Client Lunch in the Gray's Inn:** The EWI has organised for members and their clients to be able to dine in the historic Gray's Inn barristers' dining room. Please contact the office to book your lunch.

Membership Criteria

The Institute also offers membership in the following categories:

Individual	Full membership for those who are already experienced expert witnesses.
Provisional	For professionals who are relatively new to expert witness work or have not yet done any expert witness work. It will be necessary to undergo training and mentoring in order to upgrade to full membership within three years.
Associate	For solicitors and barristers.
Corporate	For commercial organisations, including 1 Individual Member of the EWI.
Professional body	For learned societies, associations and similar organisations.

Individual Membership - Entrance Criteria

- Individual application form completed and signed.
- A copy of the applicant's CV or resumé.
- A professional qualification appropriate to the applicant's vocation and proof of membership to relevant professional body.
- Three references from solicitors and/or barristers.
- An anonymised expert witness report completed in the last 3 years
- Training in expert witness work is preferable but not essential.
- Proof of current professional indemnity insurance.

Corporate Membership – Entrance Criteria

- Appropriate application form completed and signed by one member of the company to be assessed as an Individual member.
- Brochure about the company/organisation.
- Proof of current professional indemnity insurance.
- Corporate membership is evidence of an affiliation with the EWI and the membership benefits and EWI representation only apply to the Individual members within that corporation.

Associate Membership – Entrance Criteria

- Appropriate application form completed and signed.
- Proof of Law Society membership.

Professional Body Membership – Entrance Criteria

- Appropriate application form completed and signed.
- Brochure about the Professional Body.

Provisional Membership - Entrance Criteria

Provisional members are not entitled to describe themselves as 'full members', but otherwise enjoy all the benefits of membership. All Provisional members are assigned a mentor, a Fellow of the Institute, to help them achieve full membership within the required three year period. Continued Professional Development (CPD) certificates are also issued to Provisional Members to assist in keeping a track of all training.

- Individual/Provisional application form completed and signed.
- A copy of the applicant's CV or resumé
- A declaration of a desire to become an expert witness.
- A professional qualification appropriate to the applicant's vocation and proof of the professional body the applicant belongs to.
- Proof of current professional indemnity insurance

Criteria for Progression from Provisional Membership to Individual Membership

Essential:

- Three satisfactory references from solicitors and/or barristers
- An anonymised expert witness report
- Proof of training in:
 - Basic Law Course
 - Report Writing
 - CPR Course

TO JOIN

If you wish to apply to join the EWI please complete and return the appropriate forms and supporting documentation along with your application fee.

The EWI membership year commences on 1 November each year, however applications will be accepted throughout the year and subscriptions added on a pro-rata basis upon approval. All applications are scrutinised by the Membership Committee which meet every 6 weeks and then ratified by the Governors, therefore membership applications usually take between 6 and 8 weeks to be completed.

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Title _____ Honours _____

Surname _____ Forename _____

Tel _____ Mobile _____

Date of birth _____ Email _____

Profession _____ Your principal professional body _____

Professional qualifications _____

Current position _____

Company _____

Address _____

Region/County _____ Postcode _____

Website _____

Your main field of expertise _____

What are your specific areas of expertise within your main field? _____

How many expert reports have you written? In the past 3 years: _____ In total: _____

On how many occasions have you given oral evidence? In the past 3 years: _____ In total: _____

How did you find out about the EWI? _____

Please tick the relevant box(es) if you have received expert witness training in:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Courtroom skills | Provider | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Report writing | Provider | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Basic law | Provider | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Other | Provider | _____ |

If 'Other' please describe: _____

Are you listed with any of the following expert witness organizations/directories?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Academy of Experts | <input type="checkbox"/> Council for the Registration of Forensic Practitioners |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Directory of Expert Witnesses | <input type="checkbox"/> UK Register of Expert Witnesses |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Society of Expert Witnesses | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Do you wish to be included in the EWI expert referral service? Yes No

Are you willing to travel? Yes No

If yes, in which areas are you willing to travel (UK and worldwide)? _____

Languages fluently spoken (other than) English? _____

If recommended by member Name

Membership application checklist

The following are required in order to process your application:

List A – to be enclosed with Individual and Provisional membership applications

- Curriculum vitae Proof of professional body membership
- Proof of professional indemnity insurance

List B – for individual membership only

- An anonymised expert witness report is enclosed
- A reference form has been sent to three solicitors or barristers who have instructed you within the past three years. (They should return the forms directly to the EWI by email, fax or post.)

List C– Payment This application will be processed on receipt of the non-refundable application fee of £130

- The administration fee has been paid by credit card A cheque is enclosed

Declaration

I understand that the EWI annual membership subscription fee is £220 (pro-rata from the date the application is approved) and that it does not include the application fee. I confirm that the information I have provided is accurate and that, if elected, I will comply with the rules of the Expert Witness Institute. I understand that as a member of a company limited by guarantee, I will be liable to contribute £1 to the assets of the company, in the event of the company being dissolved.

Signature _____ Date _____

Data Protection Act 1998 Declaration

I confirm that the Expert Witness Institute can make my personal details available to Solicitors and others who are seeking to employ expert witnesses.

Signature _____ Date _____