

Advanced Courtroom Skills

An intensive training course for the professional giving evidence in court

This day long course for four to six participants is designed to help you give a clear, confident, and professional presentation of your testimony in Court and to do justice to your submission and to the work you have done prior to the hearing.

You learn how to prepare yourself for attendance in Court, how to recognise the techniques lawyers use and the strategies that can be developed to handle cross-examination effectively, and how to deliver your evidence well.

The setting is informal and experiential, with modelling, role playing and feedback. The partici-

pants are usually from different disciplines and, as a finale, each presents a pre-prepared case in 'Court'.

Advanced Courtroom Skills is educationally sound, well presented, enjoyable, and is flexible enough to be of practical value to psychiatrists of differing levels of experience faced with the prospect of going to court.

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Tell me why

Planning happens in a void
At dizzy heights with no ascent
For lesser mortals who nevertheless
Passionately care and believe

In the nurture of a fine institution
Which formed our inheritance,
From a man with visionary
Social conscience,

Now piecemeal dismantled
Under the guise of quality, efficiency
Backed by mountains of missives
And armies of human resources.

Well the hidden agenda must gestate
As a queen fed diligently
By myriad workers programmed
To behave,

While Hannibal the Cannibal secures
The silence of the lambs
and a crumbling legacy is
audited to death

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