



JUDICIAL
COLLEGE

THE INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS OF JUDGING PROGRAMME

OFFICIAL – JUDICIAL TRAINING

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Aim

The aim of the seminar is to enable you to improve your judicial skills by practising them and learning from judges who sit in other jurisdictions.

Learning outcomes

By the end of the seminar you will have developed your judicial skills in:

- dealing appropriately with ethical and other problems that confront judges inside and outside the court or tribunal
- assessing the credibility and reliability of evidence
- providing sound and well-structured reasons for your decisions
- learning how to increase your judicial resilience
- dealing with high conflict and unexpected situations in the court or tribunal

Content

- Introduction
- Judicial conduct and ethics
- Assessing credibility and reliability and giving an oral decision
- Increasing judicial resilience
- Dealing with high conflict and unexpected situations in the court or tribunal
- Conclusion

THURSDAY

1000 – 1015 Welcome and opening remarks

PART 1 JUDICIAL CONDUCT AND ETHICS

1015 – 1030 Introduction

1030 – 1215 Workshop 1
Scenarios relating to judicial conduct and ethics (with break for coffee)

PART 2 ASSESSING CREDIBILITY AND RELIABILITY AND GIVING AN ORAL DECISION

1215 – 1300 Assessing credibility - presentation

1300 – 1345 Lunch

1345 – 1440 Workshop 2
In the Employment Tribunal
(1) The hearing
(2) Cues to credibility and reliability: discussion

1440 – 1525 Assessing reliability - presentation

1525 – 1615 Workshop 3
In the Crown Court
(1) The hearing
(2) Cues to credibility and reliability: discussion

1615 – 1700 Tea and preparation of oral judgments

1700 – 1830 Workshop 4
Each judge delivers an oral judgment in one of the two cases

1945 Dinner

FRIDAY

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0900 – 0930 Structure, content and delivery of a good oral judgment - presentation

PART 3 INCREASING JUDICIAL RESILIENCE

0930 – 1100 Increasing judicial resilience - presentation and workshop 5

1100 – 1115 Coffee

PART 4 DEALING WITH HIGH CONFLICT AND UNEXPECTED SITUATIONS IN THE COURT OR TRIBUNAL

1115 – 1315 Workshop 6
Dealing with high conflict and unexpected situations in the court or tribunal
Each judge conducts a short hearing
The cases are presented by advocates and actors

1315 – 1400 Lunch

1400 – 1500 Workshop 6 (continued)

1500 – 1525 Reflections on Workshop 6

1525 – 1530 Closing remarks and farewell

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