

The Judicial College

The Judicial College is the official body responsible for the training of judicial office holders in England and Wales and some tribunals around the UK. The College, like its predecessor the Judicial Studies Board, has an outstanding record in judicial training.



Lady Justice Rafferty
Chairman of the Board
of the Judicial College



Mr Justice Knowles
Chairman of the International
Committee of the Judicial College

"The Judicial College is committed to providing world class judicial training in the UK and abroad."

Judicial College courses

Judicial College courses use a range of well-tried teaching methods, starting from the principle of 'judges teaching judges' and exploiting participants' experience of law and life, judicial work and legal practice, to develop judicial skills.

The courses are intense and fast-moving in order to make the best use of resources. Fictitious cases are presented and discussed. Individuals are encouraged to explore and share ideas in small groups, and to participate in learning rather than just being observers.

We look forward to hearing from you!



Her Honour Judge Korner CMG QC
International Course Director



Judge Mark Ockelton
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THE JUDICIAL COLLEGE'S INTERNATIONAL TRAINING

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A sample course in judicial decision-writing

DAY ONE

Establishing the key principles of judicial writing skills

Introductions – Aims of the training	(20 mins)
Plenary Exercise: How Likely is Likely?	(30 mins)
Plenary work: a Structured Judgment	(60 mins)
Presentation: Principles of Judgment Writing	(50 mins)

Exercises in making reasoned judgments

Sample case 1 – video	(30 mins)
Plenary Exercise: Reasons and the assessment of credibility	(45 mins)
Group Exercise: Facts and reasons	(45 mins)
Plenary: Introducing written judgments	(45 mins)

DAY TWO

Preparation and Structure

Plenary Discussion – Preparation and Structure	(60 mins)
Sample case 2 – video	(50 mins)
Group Exercise: Fact finding and reasons: preparing the judgment	(70 mins)
Plenary: the Delivery of the Judgment – based on group work	(90 mins)
Presentation and Communication	(40 mins)

Following a course such as this, participants are encouraged to continue their own professional development in this area, and local meetings may be arranged to share experiences.

Can we help you?

The Judicial College's international training has been most successful in transnational or international subjects.

Examples of transnational subjects include those which fall within the realm of 'judgecraft', improving judges' skills in the tasks which are common to judges in all jurisdictions:

- Assessing evidence
- Litigants in person
- Victims and other vulnerable witnesses in court
- Case Management
- Making a structured decision
- Decision-writing
- Giving an oral decision
- Judicial ethics

Examples of international subjects are those covered by International Conventions (including the law of the European Union), and other subjects in which the worldwide community is concerned:

- Counter-terrorism
- International human rights law
- Crimes contrary to international law
- Refugee law

The Judicial College welcomes the opportunity to consider training on any subject. The Judicial College is able to call upon the services of judges with specialist knowledge in all areas of substantive law.

The College also has considerable experience in training Course Directors and Trainers in educational and training methods such as preparing a course, course materials, leading discussion, facilitating small groups, video review, distance learning, and responding to participants' feedback.

Practical details

Please use the contact details in this leaflet to make an initial enquiry, and to discuss your requirements.

The more detail you provide of how we may be able to help, the more quickly and efficiently we shall be able to deal with your enquiry. As much advance notice as possible of proposed dates for courses will enable us to provide the maximum assistance.

On the other hand please do not be afraid to ask even if your plans are quite vague: with the College's long experience we may be able to help you formulate and design the course you need.

Language – The College's courses are normally delivered in English. Written materials can be translated where necessary, and the College's international trainers are very experienced in working with and through interpreters, usually engaged locally.

Finance – The cost of courses depends on their length, the number of trainers involved, what facilities are provided locally, and many other factors. Financial assistance may be available from your own government or from international bodies with an interest in judicial training.