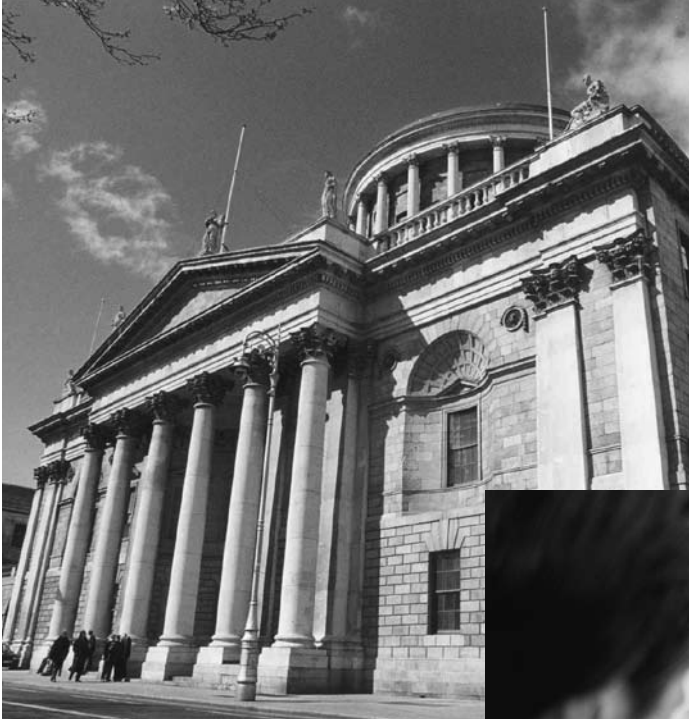


# Courtroom Skills Training For Social Workers



**La Touche Training**  
*the legal training consultants*



A one-day course designed for social workers who are required to give evidence in court proceedings.

The course will provide delegates with a comprehensive overview and skills to present effective evidence under cross examination.

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# COURTROOM SKILLS TRAINING FOR SOCIAL WORKERS

*"Excellent, I am very happy that all my expectations were identified and met"*

**Social Worker, Child and Family Services**

## WHO AND WHY?

Social workers are being increasingly asked to appear at various types of court proceedings, both civil and criminal. Often witnesses feel that they are on trial, rather than giving testimony to assist the court. The type of evidence involved is often emotive, shocking and contentious, making the proceedings highly charged. The adversarial system means that cross-examination can be uncomfortable for witnesses. Witnesses need to understand from experienced lawyers how and why their evidence may be challenged. The course is designed to ensure social workers learn in a safe learning environment rather than by trial and error in an actual court.

## COURSE OUTLINE

This course is an intensive and highly practical day. The procedures in giving evidence, the order of events, the roles of different people in the court and the process of giving evidence will be explained. The techniques lawyers use to disconcert and discredit witnesses will also be examined. The morning session is designed to demystify the process of giving evidence. In the afternoon session delegates will experience being cross-examined by a lawyer on a fictional case study. The trainer will give constructive feedback on their particular witness box presentation.

## KEY LEARNING POINTS

- The procedures, order of events and roles of people in court
- Review professionals' role and responsibilities in court
- Personal preparation and presentation
- Expressing an opinion based on the foundation of fact
- Techniques lawyers use in cross-examination and how to handle them
- How to give clear, honest and objective evidence
- The importance of contemporaneous notes
- How to make appropriate use of supporting evidence, documents and notes when giving evidence
- How to give confident and clear testimony under cross-examination

## COURSE LOGISTICS

Courses are run in house at your organisation.

Delegate numbers can range from 8-12 delegates a day.

Courses start at 9.30 and will be finished by 5.00pm.

## ABOUT LA TOUCHE TRAINING

La Touche Training is Ireland's leading legal training company. We specialise in training non-lawyers in legal matters.

Our course designers and team of lawyers have unparalleled experience in providing high quality training that is tailored to your exact requirements.

Since beginning our specialised programme in 1995 over 70,000 delegates have attended our high quality and innovative training programmes. Clients' feedback is testimony to the success of our courses.

## A selection of our clients include

### Hospitals

- Adelaide and Meath Children's Hospital
- Beaumont Hospital
- Bon Secours Hospital
- Central Mental Hospital
- Cherry Orchard Hospital
- Children's University Hospital
- Coombe Women's Hospital
- Drogheda Women's Refuge
- Holles Street Maternity Hospital
- Kerry General Hospital
- Leopardstown Park Hospital
- Limerick Regional Hospital
- Mater Misericordiae University Hospital
- Midland Regional Hospital
- Our Lady's Hospital for Sick Children
- Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital Drogheda
- Rotunda Maternity Hospital
- St. James's Hospital
- St. John of God Hospitalier
- St. Joseph's Longford
- St. Vincent's Hospital Fairview
- Vergemount Clinic

### HSE Areas

- Dublin Mid Leinster
- Dublin North East
- Dublin South
- Dublin West

### Organisations

- AON Healthcare Risk Services
- Brothers of Charity
- Centre for Nurse Education
- Department of Health
- Irish College of General Practitioners
- Irish Nurses Organisation
- Irish Prison Service
- Mental Health Commission
- National Association of GP Trainees
- NMPDU
- The Ergonomics Society
- The Health and Safety Authority



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