

Succeeding At Oral Hearings



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A two-day intensive training programme for any professional who may have to give evidence at an oral hearing. Delegates learn about the process of oral hearings, how to present their scheme confidently and how to handle cross-examination so that they can do justice to their work. Delegates experience practical interactive sessions and are cross-examined on video, which they take away for future learning.

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SUCCESSING AT ORAL HEARINGS

"This course is outstanding - I would describe it as essential for all delegates who attend Oral Hearings"

Civil Engineer

WHO AND WHY?

The effects of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 are constantly being experienced by many professionals who are finding their decisions on infrastructure projects being scrutinised at oral hearings. Engineers, Geologists, Archaeologists and Planners are increasingly being called to give evidence at oral hearings, where such projects are considered, to ensure they are in compliance with proper planning principles and sustainable development. This can be a daunting prospect for those who are unused to the rigours of questioning by other experts and skilled lawyers.

COURSE OUTLINE

This highly intensive and practical training is delivered over two days, by qualified lawyers. The first day focuses on the procedures at an oral hearing or public inquiry, the order of events, the roles of the different people and the process of giving evidence. The techniques lawyers use to disconcert and discredit witnesses are also examined. On the second day the delegates experience presenting their scheme in a mock oral hearing role-play. They also experience being cross-examined on video, on a case study, which they prepare in advance. The trainer gives constructive feedback on the delegates' presentation.

KEY LEARNING POINTS

Delegates learn to:

- Deal with in depth cross-examination on their submissions
- Gain mastery of their delivery
- Make full use of supporting documents, plans, photographs, etc.
- Get to the essence of a complex scheme
- Communicate clearly with the Inspector
- Handle difficult cross-examination techniques confidently
- Understand the procedures and protocol for oral hearings

COURSE LOGISTICS

If you have 5 or more colleagues interested in the training, you may wish La Touche Training to design and deliver the training in-house at your organisation.

Alternatively, public courses are run throughout the year in Dublin. Please contact us for details of dates and venues.

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.

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We work with a broad range of organisations including:

Companies & Organisations

- AON Risk Management
- DELL
- Eircom
- ESB
- FAS
- Fire Services Council
- Health Service Executive (All Areas)
- I.B.E.C
- Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ireland
- Institute of Engineers of Ireland
- Pfizer
- PM Group
- RPS Consulting Engineers

Government Departments

- Department of Agriculture & Food
- Department of Arts, Heritage, Gaeltacht & The Islands
- Department of Communication, Marine and Natural Resources
- Department of Education & Science
- Department of Enterprise, Trade & Employment
- Department of Environment
- Department of Foreign Affairs
- Department of Health
- Department of Justice, Equality & Law Reform
- Department of Public Enterprise
- Department of Transport

Local Authorities

- Clare County Council
- Cork County Council
- Donegal County Council
- Dublin City Council
- Fingal County Council
- Galway City Council
- Kerry County Council
- Longford County Council
- Mayo County Council
- North Tipperary County Council
- South Dublin County Council
- South Tipperary County Council

Regulatory Bodies

- Companies Registration Office
- Competition Authority
- Comreg
- Financial Regulator
- Irish Naval Service
- Labour Inspectorate
- National Parks & Wildlife Service
- Office of Director of Corporate Enforcement
- Office of the Director of Consumer Affairs
- Private Security Authority
- Revenue Inspectors



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