



# Courtroom Skills Training for Local Authorities Prosecutions

A highly intensive and practical day, where 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, whereas in the afternoon session a number of delegates will experience being cross-examined by a lawyer on a fictional case study. The trainer will give constructive feedback on some of the delegates witness box presentations and local authority delegates will learn through observation and review.

Many witnesses find the witness box to be a lonely place. Our adversarial system means that cross examination can be uncomfortable. Doubt can be cast upon your experience, qualifications, methods and opinions.

## Key Learning Points

On completion of this course delegates will have a clear understanding of:

- Jurisdiction of the Courts
- What is required of local authority staff in Court
- How the adversarial system works
- The procedures, order of events and roles of those in the adversarial systems
- How to prepare for giving evidence
- Taking the oath/affirmation with confidence
- Techniques lawyers use in cross-examination and how to handle them
- How to give clear, honest and objective evidence
- How to make appropriate use of supporting evidence, documents and notes when giving evidence
- How to give confident and clear testimony under cross-examination

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## Course Outline - 1 day course

The courtroom skills course is designed to ensure that those who may have to give evidence undergo a process of familiarisation or review to gain knowledge of the procedures involved and to equip them with the necessary skills to give a coherent account from the witness box.

This course is accredited by Engineers Ireland.

## Who should attend and why?

This training programme is essential for any local authority staff member, who is involved in the investigative, enforcement or prosecution stages of a criminal prosecution and may be called to give evidence in a hearing or court proceedings.

## About La Touche Training

La Touche Training is Ireland's leading legal training company since 1995. We provide practical legal training courses for professionals whose role involves interaction with the Irish legal system.

Our course designers and team of lawyers have unparalleled experience in providing high quality training that is tailored to your exact requirements. Many of La Touche Training courses are accredited by Engineers Ireland.

This course is on the LASNTG Framework and grant funding can be applied for.



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