Courtroom Skills & Report Writing for Experts
An exciting programme of workshops and interactive training delivered by leading speakers

06 – 07 July 2011 Venue: The City Law School, Gray’s Inn Place, London, WC1R 5DX

06 July
Procedure, law and report writing:
> Obligations of the expert
> Procedure – civil, family and criminal rules and case law
> Report writing – principles of excellent practice and specific requirements as set out in the rules
> Critiquing of anonymised reports
> Experts’ discussions and meetings
> Preparation for day 2

07 July
Courtroom skills:
> How the court works and the roles of the various professionals
> Barristers and how they cross-examine
> Dealing with cross examination and preparing for court
> Mock cross examination role play using fictional case studies in both civil and crime
> Feedback to individuals on their performance
> Questions and close

Aim and objectives
To promote excellence in the performance of expert witnesses by:
> increasing their knowledge and understanding of the rules of The court and of judicial expectations
> improving their ability to operate effectively in courts

Participants will improve their knowledge and skills in the following areas:
> Understanding of the rules and procedures: evidence and admissibility of evidence
> Communication across professional boundaries
> Expert witness discussions and meetings
> Court report writing
> Courtroom skills

It is increasingly important for expert witnesses to be confident they are competent to provide expert testimony effectively and in compliance with the requirements of the court. This workshop addresses the particular needs of psychiatrists who write reports and may be called to give evidence in a civil and criminal court. The two day training will be a practical workshop designed to develop report writing skills and critical evaluation of reports. This will be followed by developing courtroom skills in practice including examination in chief and cross examination by a barrister. It will be held in the prestigious Gray’s Inn offering a mixture of plenary sessions and practical workshops.

Principal Trainers:

Professor Penny Cooper
Barrister, Associate Dean, Director of Continuing Professional Development and Knowledge Transfer The City Law School

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Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist and Barrister, Department of Forensic Mental Health Science Institute of Psychiatry, Clinical Director Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust

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Cost per delegate: £500

Course fee is inclusive of 2 days course attendance, refreshments, supporting materials and certificate of completion

For further information and to book:

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