Medico-legal expert courtroom skills course
Online course

Programme

9.50 – 10am  JOIN THE ONLINE MEETING ROOM
10 – 10.30am Welcome and introduction
10.30 – 11.15am The role of the medical expert witness in court and the adversarial system
   – The taking of the oath/affirmation
   – The duties of the expert witness while under oath
   – How expert witnesses should direct their answers
11.15 – 11.30am BREAK
11.30am – 1pm Processes, procedures and preparation in giving evidence
   Exercise: preparation
   Seeing the pre-trial process as preparation for a court hearing, understanding the relevant legislation, processes and procedures. How to improve preparation for giving evidence by re-reading evidence, considering key issues and facts and becoming familiar with the practices and processes of giving evidence.
   Exercise: cross-examining lawyers’ techniques
   Considering lawyers’ techniques in cross-examination including specific issues for medical experts. Learn techniques for handling cross-examination and the dos and don’ts of giving evidence.
1 – 2pm BREAK
2 – 3pm Mock court: cross-examination role play
   Interactive session with attendees taking turns to be questioned. Illustrating a range of questioning techniques and how to effectively handle them. Delegates will receive supportive structured feedback based on objective Assessment Criteria for Giving Evidence.
3 – 3.15pm BREAK
3.15 – 4.15pm Cross-examination role play continued
4.15 – 4.30pm Objectives and close
4.30pm CLOSE