



**The Honourable Society of Gray's Inn
&
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**Advocacy & Ethics Course for
New Practitioners**

***18 – 20 May 2012
at Barnett Hill
Surrey***



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I

Tuesday 1 May 2012, 6:00 – 8:00 pm
Case Analysis
Gray's Inn

II

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Advocacy & Ethics Training
Barnett Hill, Surrey

CPD Hours:

- 9 Advocacy***
- 3 Ethics***
- 4 General (Case Preparation and Procedure)**

* Fulfills requirement within the first three years of tenancy

I

The course begins with a compulsory Case Analysis session which will take place at Gray's Inn on Tuesday 1 May, 6:00 – 8:00 pm. This session aims to assist practitioners in preparation of their skeleton arguments and for the weekend itself. The employed bar practitioners will also be asked to prepare work for submission in advance of the weekend. This session is compulsory for all participants attending the weekend. However, provision may be made for those with a legitimate reason for not being able to attend.

II

The course will take place over the weekend 18 – 20 May at Barnett Hill, Surrey. Further information on the venue can be found at: <http://www.sundialgroup.com/barnetthill>

The advocacy training will be delivered by the Inn's more experienced advocacy trainers using the same Method as in the Inn's pupillage advocacy training course. Practitioners will be grouped according to their area of practice – **civil, criminal or employed bar**.

The civil and criminal groups will concentrate on preparation, use of skeleton arguments in oral submissions and witness handling.

The civil case exercises consist of an interim injunction, followed by the trial, and an appeal against an order adding a party to proceedings.

The criminal case exercises consist of a preliminary application, followed by a summary trial and plea in mitigation, and a sentencing exercise.

The employed bar group will focus on advocacy in general (with an element of courtroom advocacy).

The first employed bar exercise presents a case conference and presentation to a committee (similar to a tribunal). There will also be an appeal to a Tribunal so that NPs will have the opportunity to handle witnesses, particularly in cross-examination. The second exercise will be a judicial review case. NPs will develop detailed grounds and make submissions to the high court.

The Ethics course will consist of points designed to teach New Practitioners to recognise ethical problems in a number of different practical contexts within their area of practice, and to respond to such problems appropriately.

Course Information

The following information provides a guideline to the weekend timetable. A Detailed timetable will be available in the course papers.

Friday 18 May

- 18:30 Registration and welcome
- 18:45 Skeleton argument/Weekend review session
- 19:45 Supper

Saturday 19 May

- 8:45am Start
- Mixture of ethics points discussion and advocacy exercises
- 19:00 Supper

Sunday 20 May

- 8:45am Start
- Mixture of ethics points discussion and advocacy exercises
- 14:00 Course completion

Breakfast, lunch and supper are included throughout the weekend.

Fee

The fee for the weekend is **£250**. Please make cheques payable to 'Gray's Inn'. If paying by card please provide your card details on the form provided. Payment will only be taken after you have accepted your place. All card details will be discarded once payment has been taken.

Preparation for the Course

Course papers will be available for collection from the Inn's Education Department from **Thursday 19 April**. Practitioners based outside London can request to have their pack posted to them.

You will be expected to fully prepare for the course and to email work in advance (for example skeleton arguments for the civil and criminal groups) to the Education Department in advance of the weekend (further details will be provided once your place is confirmed).

In the event that your trainer(s) feel you have not prepared properly for the course, the Inn reserves the right to deduct hours from your *Case Preparation & Procedure* NPP allocation.

Please note the Inn is closed for Easter break from Thursday 5 April and re-opens on Monday 16 April.

Cancellation Charges

No refunds will be made to applicants who withdraw from the course, having been offered a place, without due notice and a replacement secured by the Inn.

Applying for the Course

If you are interested in attending this course please **return the enclosed application form together with your cheque/card details by:**

9:00am Monday 2 April 2012

You may also email the application form to npp@graysinn.org.uk

Alternatively you can deliver your application form in person to the Education Department.

You will hear from us shortly after the deadline to confirm if you have been offered a place on the course. **Places are guaranteed for the first six applications to each area of practice** received by the advertised deadline.

Also, subject to a full course, **the Inn will waive the cost of £250 for two practitioners** to attend the weekend. All applications received by the advertised deadline will be eligible. The two practitioners will be selected by lottery. The Inn will notify the two practitioners within a week of the deadline.

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