

Australian Bar Association (ABA) Advanced Trial Advocacy Course

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Welcome from course director Phil Greenwood S.C. and course coordinator Josh Wilson S.C.

The Advanced Trial Advocacy Course is run by the profession for the profession.

The Course is particularly suited to senior juniors who wish to hone their skills. At least two years experience at the Independent Bar is a Course prerequisite. More is beneficial.

The underlying philosophy is that the skills of a barrister are best learned in an environment that is as close to the real experience as possible.

The emphasis is on developing each individual advocate's strengths in addressing, examining-in-chief and cross-examining.

A Federal Court brief is provided for preparation and forms the basis of the performances during the Course. These performances are recorded and analysed in small group and one-on-one coaching sessions. Supportive and experienced judges, barristers and professional performance coaches provide participants with the benefit of tailored analysis and comments.

People who have attended the course have referred to it as "seriously life-changing". It is immensely rewarding for barristers wanting to perform at their best.



The ABA is pleased to acknowledge the continuing support of the Course's major sponsor – Suncorp. As members of the ABA are aware, Suncorp is the leading provider of personal and professional insurance products and services to members of the ABA on a national basis. The long association of Suncorp with the Australian Bar has led to special benefits being available to members in respect of insurance, superannuation and banking. This close relationship has been evidenced again by Suncorp being the Course sponsor again in 2012.

Information memorandum

Course Outline

The course is residential and is conducted over 5 days.

It is designed to suit the individual needs of the participants and particular areas of advocacy can be focused upon.

The Course performances are based on a Federal Court Brief with each participant being briefed for the Applicant or Respondent. It is expected that participants will undertake at least 3 days preparation prior to the course commencing.

While the case, in this instance a matter involving misrepresentations, is not legally complex, it is detailed and requires a good deal of close examination and thought. Barristers are expected to be ready to deliver an opening address on the first full day of the course.

Over the 5 day period there are performances of opening addresses, examinations, cross examination and closing addresses by participants. Emphasis is placed upon case analysis, thoughtful preparation and effective presentation.

Together with these performances there are a combination of discussions relating to the performances, demonstrations by senior advocates, group reviews and individual coaching sessions. The strengths and weaknesses of each performance are discussed and participants have the opportunity overnight to reconsider and refine preparation for their own performances.

Performances will take place in court rooms in groups of six. The performances will be recorded for the participants to review as they wish. All coaches will be available during breaks and before and after sessions for consultation.



Legal and Performance coaches

The legal coaches are Federal and Supreme Court Australian judges and senior and junior barristers from Australia, England, South Africa and New Zealand.

The Performance coaches are voice, movement and presentation experts and will assist you with your delivery and overall court presentation to ensure effective and persuasive communication.

Further details can be found at <http://www.advocacytraining.com.au>



Justice Richard Tracey	Federal Court of Australia
Justice Mordecai Bromberg	Federal Court of Australia
Justice Liz Hollingworth	Supreme Court of Victoria
Justice Glenn Martin	Supreme Court of Queensland
Stephen Gageler S.C.	Solicitor General of the Commonwealth
The Hon. David Ipp QC	Commissioner, NSW ICAC
Edwin Glasgow CBE QC	Bar of England and Wales
John Mullins S.C.	South African Bar
Les Taylor	New Zealand Bar
Philip Greenwood S.C.	New South Wales Bar
Michael Stewart S.C.	Queensland Bar
Ross Ray QC	Victorian Bar
Rodney Garratt QC	Victorian Bar
Raelene Webb QC	Northern Territory Bar
Craig Colvin S.C.	Western Australian Bar
Chris Shanahan S.C.	Western Australian Bar
Michael Colbran QC	Victorian Bar
Josh Wilson S.C.	Victorian Bar
Will Alstergren	Victorian Bar
Julia Baird S.C.	New South Wales Bar
Ian Robertson S.C.	South Australian Bar
Corinna May	Actress
Lucy Cornell	Voice Coach
Josephine O'Reilly	Performance Coach



The Commonwealth Law Courts complex



Melbourne at night

Course Venue

The Federal Court complex is located in William Street, Melbourne CBD.

Executive Suite Accommodation is just a short walk from the Courts Complex at Mantra on Little Bourke, 471 Little Bourke Street, Melbourne.

Course Cost

The cost for the course is \$3,400 (GST inclusive). This cost includes:

- All course materials and readings;
- Course venue, equipment, transcript services and stationery;
- Five nights accommodation (Monday-Friday nights);
- All breakfasts, lunches, pre-dinner drinks and dinners (except Wednesday night);
- Final night off-site dinner including drinks.

Please note that there are no discounts being offered for Melbourne residents or those barristers who wish to stay off-site as it is a residential course.

Travel costs to Melbourne are additional for interstate barristers and are to be organised by the barristers individually.

Important Payment Information

A non-refundable deposit of \$700 is payable upon registration. The balance of \$2,700 is payable on or before Thursday 10 November 2011.

If you withdraw from the course after the payment of the course fees, the balance payment (after the non-refundable deposit) of \$2,700 will be refunded only if the vacant position can be filled by another barrister before 19 December 2011.

