Learning objectives

- Gain insight into the work of a dental expert
- Learn how to excel as an expert witness
- Understand the process of a hearing
- Know how to prepare for court appearances
- Key learnings from recent legal cases.
Your profession needs you
Are you a dentist interested in dento-legal matters or do you want to know more about being an expert witness? Are you looking for a new career direction in dentistry or eager to help fellow professionals? If you are keen to utilise a different part of your skill set or are just starting out in the dento-legal field then this event is for you.

Gain insight into this intellectually stimulating field from renowned dento-legal experts, barristers and solicitors. Explore the basics of expert report writing, gain tips on preparation for cross examination in court, experience a mock trial and more. Established experts can also benefit from this refresher day and gain 5 hours of CPD.

09:30 Chair introduction, Len D'Cruz, Senior Dento-legal Adviser, BDA

09:40 Why become an expert?
- Key competencies required
- The motivation for becoming an expert.

Sharon Caro, Dento-legal expert

10:20 Understand the role of the dental expert and how you can excel as an expert witness
- The reality of writing reports
- How to best support the person you represent
- Essentials of managing meetings with barristers and other experts
- Building up experience and a strong portfolio of work
- Career and personal rewards and benefits of specialising as a dento-legal expert.

Hilary Firestone, Dento-legal expert

11:20 Morning break and refreshments

11:40 How to write expert reports for court and the GDC
- What are the key case details to consider?
- What are the essential elements to include in reports?
- How to ensure your legal reports are watertight and ready for court
- The pitfalls of expert report writing for
  a) Clinical negligence cases in a dental context
  b) GDC cases

Tracy Sell-Peters, Solicitor, DWF Law

12:30 Lunch

13:30 Exploring cross examination in court
- How to best prepare for court appearances and being in the witness box
- Types of questioning you can expect
- What you need to avoid
- Achieving the best possible outcome.

Andrew Colman, Barrister, 2 Hare Court Chambers
14:20 Court room case study: mock hearing
  • The dos and donts of a court room drama
  • Find out how you can best prepare for difficult court room situations.
  Sarah Przybylska, Barrister, 2 Hare Court Chambers
  Hilary Firestone, Dento-legal expert

14:50 Afternoon break and refreshments

15:10 Staying informed - latest updates in the law
  • Key laws you need to understand
  • Recent legislative updates
  • Learnings from recent legal cases.
  Marios Lambis, Barrister, 2 Hare Court Chambers

15:50 Panel session: ask the experts
  Your chance to participate in discussion with all speakers from the day.
  Andrew Colman, Marios Lambis and Sarah Przybylska, Barristers, 2 Hare Court Chambers
  Tracy Sell-Peters, Solicitor, DWF Law
  Sharon Caro and Hilary Firestone, Dento-legal experts
  Len D’Cruz, Senior Dento-legal Adviser, BDA

16:20 Drinks reception
  Networking reception with refreshments. Meet the BDA Indemnity team.

17:05 Close of event

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