

# Solicitor advocate course – general skills

Friday 21 September 2018 | 5-7pm

Saturday 22 September 2018 | 8.30am-4.30pm

Brisbane Magistrates Court

## Overview

By attending this intensive, full-day advocacy course conducted at the courts, delegates will increase their skill base for advocacy work in courts and tribunals and enhance their ability to deliver personalised and effective advocacy. The QLS Ethics and Practice Centre have partnered with the Australian Advocacy Institute to offer an outstanding course that combines theory and practical sessions with participants performing set advocacy tasks in a group before an instructor, then receiving individual feedback directed to the level of the participant's performance. These tasks include applying for/opposing an application or plea, examining and cross-examining a witness and presenting a closing argument. The course cost is subsidised and numbers are strictly limited; register early to secure your place.

Candidates should be fully prepared and have read the materials that will be supplied via email the week prior to the course date.

## 9 CPD Points



## Day 1 | Friday 21 September 2018

4.45pm Registration

5pm **Introductory session**



As a combined group, this session involves a moderator led discussion of a case theory and how to prepare and perform the various advocacy skills with particular emphasis on questioning and argument in courts and tribunals. Included in the Introductory Session will be a discussion on the ethics of the advocate and court etiquette.

7pm Close

## Day 2 | Saturday 22 September 2018

8.15am Registration

8.30am **Advocacy course**



This full day workshop consists of a combination of interactive general sessions and performance sessions in breakout groups.

General sessions include:

- analysis and the development of a case theory;
- discussion and illustration of specific techniques in advocacy;
- reviewing communication skills in the courtroom.

Performance sessions involve:

- instructor demonstrations, suggested readings and the opportunity to practice trial techniques;
- short performances by participants of set advocacy tasks;
- individual reviews of performances.

Lunch and refreshments will be supplied.

4.30pm Close