

# Solicitor Advocate Course - Advanced trial skills

Friday 30 November 2018 | 5-7pm

Saturday 1 December 2018 | 8.30am-4.30pm

Brisbane Magistrates Court

## Overview

For those who attended the General Skills in Advocacy course in 2017 or this year, you may be interested in attending this Advanced Skills in Trial Advocacy course which is the next level offered by the Australian Advocacy Institute in conjunction with the QLS Ethics Centre. This intensive, full-day course conducted at the courts is aimed at advocates with some experience in appearing in court. The course looks at the development and refinement of the specific skills involved in the preparation and presentation of persuasive legal argument, based on the assumption that participants will have an understanding of the basic skills in questioning and presenting submissions that were covered at the General Skills level (Recommended by not a pre-requisite if the participant already has some advocacy skills).

The course cost is subsidised and numbers are strictly limited; register early to secure your place.

**9 CPD Points**



## Day 1 | Friday 30 November 2018

4.45pm **Registration**

5pm **Introductory Session**



As a combined group, this session involves a moderator led discussion on the fundamental principles of the nature of advocacy as the art of persuasion, the significance of communication, generic skill and techniques, approach to preparation and the trial process and general identification of specific advocacy tasks.

7pm **Close**

## Day 2 | Saturday 1 December 2018

8.15am **Registration**

8.30am **Advanced trial skills**



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

In particular, the Advanced workshop focuses on case theory as it relates to:

### **Evidence in Chief**

- Structure of evidence in chief as a persuasive story;
- Presentation of the witness's evidence without leading questions;
- Control of the witness's narrative.

### **Cross Examination**

- Understanding the relationship between cross examination and the case theory;
- Understanding the relationship between cross examination and final arguments in support of the case theory; and
- Ability to control cross examination by the use of leading propositions.

### **Final Submissions**

- Preparation of final argument;
- Presenting a structured argument;
- Relating facts to legal propositions.

Lunch and refreshments will be supplied.

4.30pm **Close**