

# Solicitor Advocate Course: Family Law

Wednesday 28 July 2021 | 5–6.30pm

Thursday 29 July 2021 | 5–6pm

Saturday 31 July 2021 | 9am–3pm

Online

## Overview

By attending this intensive, online advocacy course, family law practitioners will increase their skill base for advocacy work and enhance their ability to deliver personalised and effective advocacy in family law. The QLS Ethics and Practice Centre have partnered with the Australian Advocacy Institute to offer a bespoke workshop in family law that combines theory and practical sessions with participants performing set advocacy tasks in a group before an instructor.

The course cost is subsidised for QLS members 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.

7.5 CPD Points



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## Day 1 | Wednesday 28 July 2021

4.45pm **Registration**

5pm **Introduction to advocacy**



**Case theory**

**Argument**

6.30pm **Close**

## Day 2 | Thursday 29 July 2021

4.45pm **Registration**

5pm **Techniques in Cross-examination**



**Communication in court**

6pm **Close**

## Day 3 | Saturday 31 July 2021

8.45am **Registration**

9am–3pm

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This full day online workshop consists of a combination of interactive general sessions and performance sessions in breakout groups. The exercises performed may include preparation of factual material, analysis and development of case theory, applications and legal argument, examination in chief and cross-examination, opening and closing addresses and final submissions.

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

#### **Evidence in Chief**

The Family Court requires evidence in chief to be on affidavit. Most of those affidavits are drawn by solicitors. It is essential that anyone drafting such a document has a thorough grasp of leading evidence in chief.

#### **Cross-examination**

In order to cross-examine effectively it is necessary to know what final arguments will be made to the court. Learning to cross-examine helps to hone these skills and enables better preparation of briefs to counsel and preparation generally.

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**Legal Argument**

The skill of presenting a well prepared, structured, persuasive argument in the Family Court setting is essential.

**Ex-parte applications**

The skill of presenting a successful, urgent ex-parte application which are common in this jurisdiction will be addressed.

3pm

**Close**