

EXPERT WITNESS SKILLS FOR MARITIME EXPERTS



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This intensive practical course is for expert witnesses working in the maritime industry. Ireland's leading legal training company, **La Touche Training**, in conjunction with the **National Maritime College of Ireland** have developed a competency based programme which will equip Maritime experts with the skills required to comply with best practice standards.

La Touche Training is Ireland's leading legal training company. Over 70,000 delegates have attended our high quality and innovative training programmes.

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WHY ATTEND THIS TRAINING?

This course designed and delivered by skilled lawyers will allow both new and experienced maritime experts to learn about expert witness procedure, best practice in report writing and how to present first class evidence under difficult cross examination.

Our skilled trainers will equip delegates with evidence gathering techniques, writing expert witness reports and providing oral evidence to ensure they meet current best practice standards

COURSE OUTLINE

The course is intensive, highly practical and interactive where delegates learn by doing through interactive sessions, practical exercises and role-plays. It is a flexible and modular based programme in order to meet the exact needs of the audience.

Day 1 - Law, Evidence & Procedure for Experts

- The expert's role in litigation
- The expert's duties
- The Law Reform Commissions
Consultation paper on Expert Evidence
- Terms of engagement for experts
- Effective investigation skills
- Evidence gathering techniques
- The rules of evidence
- Procedure in civil and criminal cases

Day 2 - The Experts Report

- Identify issues you are asked to address
- Conduct a factual investigation on which to base your opinion
- Express an opinion on the issues
- Pitch the language of the report at the right level
- Express an independent view and argue your conclusion
- Set out your qualifications and experience
- Include research references
- Exhibits, photographs, diagrams and plans
- Develop your own report format
- Understand the contractual position between expert, solicitor and client
- Receive guidance on Terms and conditions and Experts' fees
- Be clear on the implications of Statutory Instrument 391/98 on Exchange of Reports

Day 3 - Courtroom Skills

- Understanding court procedure
- Knowing what your lawyer needs - proofs
- Protocol & procedure in court - roles of individuals in court
- Preparing to give 1st class evidence
- Lawyers techniques used in cross-examination & how to handle them
- How to give clear, honest and objective evidence
- How to give confident & clear testimony under cross-examination
- Simulated cross examination role-play for each of the attendees by our lawyer/trainer

THE NATIONAL MARITIME COLLEGE OF IRELAND

■ "Opened in October 2004, the National Maritime College of Ireland (NMCI, the College) is a purpose built constituent college of the Cork Institute of Technology, established in a partnership with the Irish Naval Service (INS) and Focus Education Ltd. Located on a ten acre site in Ringaskiddy with direct access to the harbour, the college houses state of the art facilities and equipment including two full mission simulators, jetty, fire fighting and survival training

facilities, library, IT and other laboratories. The NMCI caters for the education and training needs of the merchant navy and the non-military training requirements of the Naval Service and provides a broad range of training services for the maritime industry."



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A selection of La Touche Training clients include:

- The Sea Fisheries Office
- The Department of Marine & Natural Resources
- The Naval Service
- Expert Witnesses from a variety of fields
- Comreg
- Local Authorities & HSE Areas
- NERA
- The Private Securities Authority
- The Taxi Regulator
- The Aviation Authority
- The Competition Authority
- The Department of Justice
- The Environmental Protection Agency
- The Office of Environmental Enforcement
- The Financial Regulator
- The Health & Safety Authority
- The National Wildlife Service
- The Office of Environmental Enforcement
- The Office of the Director of Consumer Affairs
- The Office of the Director of Corporate Enforcement
- The Office of The Refugee Asylum Commissioner
- The Revenue Commissioners
- The Valuation Office

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