

# Expert evidence conference 2024: Winning cases and winning trials

Wednesday, 14 November  
7 Bedford Row, London

The conference is intended for all legal practitioners and medico-legal experts, to focus on trial preparation and what to expect once in the court room.

The importance of preparing evidence to present the case at its best to a judge is essential whether the evidence ever reaches a judge or not. Given the rarity of trials, this event is an opportunity to upskill and gain invaluable insight into the most important area of the litigation

- **Keynote address**
- **The role of an expert witness through the litigation process**
- **Expert evidence in the witness box**
- **Counsel overview**
- **Mock cross-examination**
- **Cross examination panel session**

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09:00 – 09:30

**Registration and refreshments**

09:30 – 09:35

**Introduction & welcome**

Chair: Hugh Preston KC, 7 Bedford Row, London

09:35 – 10:10

**Keynote address**

Speaker: Hugh Preston KC, 7 Bedford Row, London

10:10 – 11:00

**The role of an expert witness through the litigation process**

- Straddling Part 35 responsibilities and establishing a working relationship for lawyers and experts
- Preparation of reports, preparation for expert meetings, responses to Part 35 questions
- Trial prep

Speakers: Ian Christian, FieldFisher, London

Dr Megan Smith, Consultant Anaesthetist, Guy's and St Thomas's NHS Foundation Trust, London

11:00 - 11:20

**Break in the exhibition area**

11:20 – 12:10

**Expert evidence in the witness box**

Speaker: Tom Quick, Consultant Surgeon, Peripheral Nerve Injury Unit, Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital, Stanmore, UK

12:10 – 13:00

**Counsel overview**

- Pitfalls that experts fall into
- What mistakes are made early on?

Speaker: Richard Baker, APIL EC Member, 7BR, London

13:00 – 14:00

**Lunch break**

14:00 – 14:05

**Welcome back**

Chair: Ian Christian, Irwin Mitchell LLP, London

14:05 – 15:10

**Mock cross-examination**

- Practical demonstration of how to cope under cross examination

Speakers: Conor Dufficy, Barrister, 7BR, London

Sarah Edwards, Barrister, 7BR, London

15:10 – 15:30

**Break in the exhibition area**

15:30 – 16:30

**Closing panel session**

Speakers: Richard Baker, APIL EC Member, 7BR, London

Ian Christian, Irwin Mitchell LLP, London

Sarah Edwards, Barrister, 7BR, London

Hugh Preston KC, 7 Bedford Row, London

16:30

**Close of conference programme**

16:30 – 17:00

**Networking session**

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