

Essential Legal Concepts for Experts in Clinical Negligence Claims

16 November 2016, 7 Bedford Row, London

This day course, aimed at both the newcomer and the experienced expert witness, will explain and explore the essential legal concepts that the clinical expert witness must understand in order to provide expert evidence in a clinical negligence claim. To be effective in this field (and to avoid professional criticism) the clinician must be familiar with these concepts as well as their role in litigation, and must be up-to-date with changes and developments in the law.

COURSE TUTOR

Giles Eyre is a barrister who has for many years practised in the field of personal injury, disease and clinical negligence claims in the courts of England and Wales. That work brought him into frequent contact with experts writing reports to support the litigation, and, in particular, medical and care experts.

For 20 years he has been involved in educating and training experts, particularly medical experts, presenting seminars on legal principles, effective report writing and giving evidence. Giles is the co-author of *Writing Medico-Legal Reports in Civil Claims – an essential guide* (www.prosols.uk.com) which is now in its Second Edition (September 2015).

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COURSE TIMING

10.00 – 16.00

FEE

£295 + VAT, to include course materials, refreshments and a light lunch

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

What is expert evidence for?

- Opinion
- Fact

Establishing a cause of action

- The ingredients
- Standard of proof – understanding legal probability
- Causation of damage or injury
- The alternative basis – material contribution

Assessing damages

- The '100% recovery' principle
- Prognosis
- Provisional damages

The standard of care in medical practice

- Bolam and Bolitho
- Defining the reasonable body
- Consenting and Montgomery

Working with the legal team

- Cost estimates and cost budgeting
- Terms and conditions
- Working together

NB: Programme and timings may be subject to change

Delegate booking form

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Signature:

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