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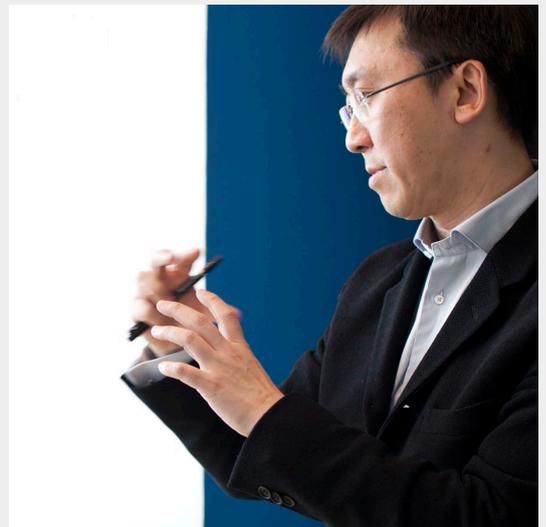
Professional training for solicitors and expert witnesses

This unique one day training session brings both expert witnesses and legal professionals together, to undertake interactive, experiential sessions to improve performance through action learning.

Expert witnesses have an important role within the justice system, but they need more than technical competence to be effective. It is essential that they can fulfil their roles and responsibilities to collect, write and if required give evidence at hearings in accordance with prescribed law and practice.

To achieve this, legal professionals need to take responsibility for providing better instruction, knowledge, practical skills and to instil confidence for witnesses to perform their role effectively.

The training is designed for both solicitors and experts who are involved in arbitration and litigation under English Law.



Speakers

Keynote speaker/

Mr Justice Akenhead

Sir Robert Akenhead is judge of the High Court of Justice (Queen's Bench Division), judge in charge of the Technology and Construction Court. He was previously a QC and Head of Chambers at Atkin Chambers, and has been a specialist in construction law since 1973.



Speaker/ **Caroline Pope**

Caroline is a partner at Berwin Leighton Paisner and is a TeCSA committee member. She has wide experience in litigation, arbitration, adjudication, ADR processes, project advisory and forensic investigation work for clients from all sides of the industry.



Speaker/ **Asim Gaba**

Asim is a director of Arup with over 30 years specialist experience in geotechnical engineering and the design and construction of multi-disciplinary international projects. He has provided expert opinion for mediation, arbitration, litigation and Competition Commission hearings.



Speaker/ **Ann Levin**

Ann is a partner at Herbert Smith LLP and is a TeCSA committee member. She has extensive experience of international construction and power projects. She advises on the resolution of disputes through High Court litigation, domestic and international arbitration, adjudication and ADR.



Speaker/ **Greg Haigh**

Greg Haigh is a director of Arup and UK Committee member of PIANC, with more than 30 years experience across port and maritime multi-disciplinary projects. He has provided expert opinion and acted as an expert witness across a range of civil engineering projects.

Course programme

Duration	Full day, from 9am to 5.30pm
Course description	For solicitors to learn how to better instruct an expert witness, and to improve experts' understanding of the requirements of legal professionals
Introduction	Welcome
Keynote speaker	Expectations of the court: Mr Justice Akenhead, London
Workshop sessions	Experts Civil procedure, CPR Part 35, expert meetings and reports: Caroline Pope (BLP) and Asim Gaba (Arup) Solicitors Better expert instruction and latest case law: Ann Levin (Herbert Smith) and Greg Haigh (Arup)
Lunch	
Joint session	Courtroom Techniques: Sean Brannigan (QC)
Joint session	Question and answer session to cover payment, duties absent proceedings, expert commission, combined with remedial design commissions and other 'thorny' issues
Drinks and networking	

For more information, or to reserve a place, please contact:

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Cost:

£235 + VAT