Evidence Act and Defended Hearing Workshops

Practical training for solicitors. Each workshop stands alone, and together they connect the law of evidence with the skills needed to run contested matters. This is not just for criminal lawyers because the advocacy skills and Evidence Act understanding are important across all types of law.

Our workshops are practical. You have multiple opportunities to get on your feet and try the very skills you are taught. It is in a positive and genuinely constructive way that empowers you to be confident for your next appearance in Court.

Evidence Act Workshop

Choose this workshop if you want to strengthen your understanding of the Evidence Act and apply it confidently in the Local Court. We focus on admissibility, objections and the tactical decisions that arise when evidence is offered or challenged.

- Understand when evidence is admissible and how to raise or respond to objections.
- Obtain a practical guide to the Evidence Act, and recognise what sections apply.
- Make sound tactical decisions about admitting, challenging or using evidence.
- Apply the Evidence Act to the practical problems that arise in your matters.
- We use real world facts, statements, and affidavits for you to practice with.

Defended Hearing Workshop

Choose this workshop if you want to become a more persuasive and confident courtroom advocate. The focus is on preparing and conducting defended hearings, questioning witnesses and presenting your case effectively.

- Prepare efficiently and effectively
- Improve your questioning techniques and practical courtroom skills.
- Understand forensic choices and when to make them
- Plan and conduct hearings with greater confidence
- Understand legal directions
- Prepare and deliver closing addresses or submissions

How the workshops work together

The Evidence Act Workshop provides the legal framework: what evidence can be used, when to object and how the rules operate in practice. The Defended Hearing Workshop builds on that foundation: how to examine witnesses, make persuasive submissions and present a compelling case.

The Evidence Act Workshop teaches you the rules of the game. The Defended Hearing Workshop teaches you how to play it well.

You can attend either workshop on its own. Many practitioners choose both for a stronger foundation in evidence and practical advocacy.

Regional expressions of interest

The following dates are being considered for Orange:

18 - 19 February 2027

1 – 2 March 2027

4 – 5 March 2027

Cost

The cost for attendance is $500 + GST per day, but a discount of 10% is available when booking your attendance at both days.

Location

The workshops will take place at the Orange Ex-Services' Club, 231 – 243 Anson St, Orange NSW 2800. The workshops require attendance between 9am – 4.30pm.

Lunch, morning tea and afternoon is provided in the cost of the workshop.

Registration

If you would like to secure your spot, express your interest now via a short email to info@emalegaleducation.com.au with the registration form.

Course Facilitator

These workshops are taught by Kellie Stares SC. Kellie is a very experienced advocate with over 20 years of practice in criminal law, family law, mental health law, and wills & estates. Best known for her sharp cross-examination skills, and powerful closing addresses to Juries, she teaches practical advocacy and evidence skills drawn from the realities of criminal practice, with a focus on helping solicitors make confident decisions and perform effectively in court.

ORANGE WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FORM

Full name:

Solicitor / Barrister

Firm / Chambers

Years of Practice:

Suburb

Postcode

E-mail:

Phone Number:

EXPERIENCE

Previous defended hearing experience

☐ None ☐ 1-3 hearings ☐ < 10 ☐ 10 - 20 ☐ 20 - 50 ☐ > 50

Any specific areas you want to improve your skills

Dietary Requirements

Accessibility Requirements

PLEASE INDICATE YOUR SELECTION BELOW (BOTH CAN BE SELECTED) -

DEFENDED HEARINGS ☐

EVIDENCE ACT ☐

PREFERRED DATES

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