



NZLS CLE Ltd
Continuing Legal Education
New Zealand Law Society



55
CPD hours

ADVOCACY

NON-RESIDENTIAL LITIGATION SKILLS PROGRAMME

Auckland – August 2022

Wellington – November 2022

COMMENTS FROM PAST ATTENDEES

“I cannot put into words how great this course was.”

“I can’t believe how much I learned! This was by far the most practical course I’ve been on.”

“Amazing programme.”

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Now in its 37th year, this week long programme provides in-depth hands-on training in the skills needed for successful courtroom advocacy.

OUTLINE

- DAY 1** - Introduction, theory of the case and communication skills
- DAY 2** - Leading evidence, cross-examination and production of exhibits
- DAY 3** - Cross-examination and impeachment
- DAY 4** - Examination of expert witnesses
- DAY 5** - Mini trials and opening addresses
- DAY 6** - Closing arguments and pre-trial conferences
- DAY 7** - Full trials where you will act as counsel and be critiqued by a judge (until 5.10pm), followed by presentation of certificates.

Learning by doing with critique

You will perform in simulated courtroom exercises a number of times every day. To help you to recognise and learn from your mistakes, you will be critiqued by faculty members as soon as you complete your performance. All faculty are trained in the NITA method of teaching and will build a positive and supportive atmosphere within which critiques will be specific, clear, constructive and candid.

Learning by observing

Throughout the course you will have the opportunity to observe others in your group and hear them being critiqued. Your performance will be recorded every day and then critiqued through video review. You will also have the opportunity to observe experienced faculty conducting a variety of demonstrations and discuss differences in styles and methods.

Teaching approach

- See faculty demonstrate and discuss a major skill
- Practise that skill in a small group of eight participants
- Receive individual advice from faculty on improving your performance
- Review your performance on video with a third faculty member
- Observe members of your group perform and listen to faculty comment.

THE FACULTY

Auckland **Director:** Vicki Thorpe
Team Leader: TBC
Faculty: 24 senior practitioners

Wellington **Director:** Coroner Mark Wilton
Team Leader: His Hon Judge Sainsbury
Faculty: 24 senior practitioners

APPLICATION DETAILS

- Applicants must have a minimum of two years' practice (litigation) experience.
- You must complete an application form to be considered to attend this course.
- Completing an application form does not guarantee you a place; you will be notified within five working days of the closing date whether your application was successful.
- Closing date: Applications must reach NZLS CLE Ltd by 5.00pm on Friday 10 June 2022 for Auckland and 5.00pm on Friday 9 September 2022 for Wellington.

Please complete and return to:
Kylie Barton
Advocacy Programme Specialist
NZLS CLE Ltd
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DX SP20202 Wellington

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

LEARNING OBJECTIVES	You will develop your skills as an advocate by taking part in a variety of litigation exercises and activities. You will further develop your advocacy skills through reflecting on your own performance and those of your colleagues, and observing faculty demonstrations.
WHO SHOULD ATTEND	Designed for practitioners in their first five years of practice. Some litigation experience is required, and participants should have had at least two years' such experience. Note: Enrolments are restricted to 32 participants for each programme.
FEE (Incl GST)	The course fee for NZLS members is \$4,540 and \$4,790 for non-members. The fee includes extensive materials and catering. A cancellation policy applies. Entry to this course is by application only. Limited financial assistance may be available through the Douglas Wilson Advocacy Scholarship Trust (the application form for financial assistance can be found on the Litigation Skills Programme course page at www.lawyerseducation.co.nz).
MATERIALS	Extensive materials comprising a course folder and casefile will be sent to you in advance.
ACCOMMODATION	This is a non-residential programme, participants will need to make their own accommodation arrangements.
CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY	Withdrawal from the programme before the application closing date incurs no cost. After that date if the registrant is able to be replaced an administration fee of \$400 is charged. If no replacement is found, no refund is payable. Note: Applications MUST reach NZLS CLE Ltd by 5.00pm on Friday 10 June 2022 for Auckland and 5.00pm on Friday 9 September 2022 for Wellington. You will be notified within five working days of the closing date whether you have a place on the course.
PRIVACY ACT 2020	The information requested on this registration form is for NZLS CLE Ltd.

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<input type="checkbox"/> AUCKLAND	14-20 August	Ellerslie Event Centre
<input type="checkbox"/> WELLINGTON	13-19 November	The Terrace Conference Centre
YOUR DETAILS		
First name, Last name		Lawyer ID Number (optional)
Firm/Organisation (if applicable)		
Address		
PO Box:	DX:	
Street Address:		
Suburb:		
Town/City:	Postcode:	
Phone		
Email		
Supervising Partner		Have you previously applied for this programme <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
When admitted to practice	Month: _____ Year: _____	Percentage of time currently spent on litigation
Degree(s) Held		Year(s) of graduation
PREVIOUS HISTORY OF LITIGATION EXPERIENCE (please specify)		
How long have you been a litigator?		
The number of High Court/District Court jury trials you have conducted (if any):		
The approximate number of defended hearings in:	The High Court: _____ The District Court: _____	
Do you practise predominantly in the criminal field?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
If you answered "yes" to the previous question, do you usually act for the prosecution or defence?		
If you practise predominantly in the civil field, do you appear mainly in the courts or before tribunals, or both?		
Please indicate the number of days you would have spent in court in:	2019: _____ 2020: _____ 2021: _____	
General comment about the nature and extent of your litigation experience:		

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<p>In what way do you think attendance at this programme will be of benefit to you in your professional career?</p>	
<p>Please summarise any awards, scholarships or prizes you have won and list any legal publications:</p>	

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Name:	Relationship:	Phone (mobile):
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PAYMENT

<input type="checkbox"/> PAY BY DIRECT CREDIT: Acc. Name 'NZLS CLE Ltd' Acc. Number 12-3192-0049995-00 <small>(Include your last name & name of organisation as the reference)</small>		
<input type="checkbox"/> PAY BY CREDIT CARD:		
Card Number: □□□□-□□□□-□□□□-□□□□	Expiry: /	Card security code:
Name on Card:	<input type="radio"/> Visa <input type="radio"/> Mastercard <input type="radio"/> Amex	
Cardholder's Signature:		

I HAVE ALREADY PAID ONLINE BY THE FOLLOWING PAYMENT METHOD

<input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card	<input type="checkbox"/> Direct Credit
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I UNDERSTAND THAT IF I AM NOT SUCCESSFUL IN ENROLLING THIS PAYMENT WILL BE REFUNDED

Date:	Signed:
<input type="checkbox"/> I have applied for financial assistance from the Douglas Wilson Advocacy Scholarship Trust (applications close at 5.00pm on Friday 10 June 2022 for Auckland and 5.00pm on Friday 9 September 2022 for Wellington)	
<input type="checkbox"/> I understand that I must submit this programme application to CLE concurrent with my scholarship application/s; I cannot be considered for a scholarship if I have not submitted an application for a place on the programme.	
<p>Please note: Even though you will receive a payment and registration confirmation as part of the application process, you will not be advised whether your application is successful or not until five working days after the closing date of 5.00pm on Friday 10 June 2022 for Auckland and 5.00pm on Friday 9 September 2022 for Wellington.</p>	

<p>Print your name as you would like it to appear on your certificate of attendance:</p>	
<p>Please indicate your trial preference for the full trials to be held on the Saturday:</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Civil <input type="checkbox"/> Criminal
<p>Please note: It is not always possible to allocate you to your preferred trial because we need an even number of applicants between the civil and criminal trials.</p>	