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Affidavits & Witness Statements

Thursday 11 June 2009

1.30pm-5.30pm

Grace Hotel , 77 York Street, Sydney

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Audience

- Practitioners specializing in litigation, barristers or solicitors
- Legal advisers to corporations involved in litigation
- General practitioners
- Employment law specialists
- Personal injuries law specialists
- Civil litigation practitioners
- Practitioners returning to work after an extended break or changing responsibilities

CLE & CPD requirements are satisfied by attendance at this course suitable for 4 MCLE points (for solicitors) or 4 CPD points (for Barristers)

Object

This session, updated and revised to reflect the new Uniform Civil Procedure Act 2005, will provide an opportunity to work through a series of documents & fact situations and to see how the documents submitted to court are prepared and settled. Aided by helpful check lists you examine material as it is prepared for superior court litigation. Reference will be made to the relevant cases rules & orders. Much of the court process is determined by written & prepared submission so it is important to lay solid foundations. This course provides intensive skill development in these most fundamental of litigators' documents.

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Drafting Documents for use in Court: *Affidavits & Witness Statements*

Thursday 11 June 2009

Presenter Paul VENUS, Partner, Holding Redlich
1.30pm Introduction from Presenter

2.00pm **Important steps in taking a witness statement or affidavit**

- Identifying from who an affidavit is needed
- Planning the contents & preparations
- Drafting

2.15pm **Substance of the Affidavit**

- Use the words of the witness
- Record the conversations in direct speech
- Avoid being responsive to pleadings
- Make sure witness can swear to the facts

2.45pm **Evidentiary issues**

- Hearsay rule and its exceptions
- Best evidence rule
- Opinion
- Relevance
- Without prejudice communications
- Evidence Act
- Improper evidence
- Expert evidence reports

3.15pm **Form & Presentation**

- Detailed check lists
- Headings & prescribed forms
- State & Federal Court
- Alterations
- Signing clauses
- Annexures

3.45pm **Afternoon Tea**

4.00pm **Drafting Issues**

- Style and content

4.45pm **Taking an Affidavit**

- Affirmations
- Blind or unable to read
- Language difficulties
- Who may be a witness

5.00pm **Use of an Affidavit**

- Inclusion in evidence
- Cross examination
- Use in interlocutory proceedings
- Using statements and affidavits to draft pleadings
- Drafting tips for preparing pleadings

5.30pm **Conclusion**

About the presenter

Paul VENUS, Bcom, LLB, LLM, Partner, Holding Redlich. Solicitor of the High Court of Australia and the Supreme Courts of New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia and the Northern Territory of Australia. Paul has been actively involved in all levels of litigation for many years working with both large firms and midsize litigation teams in NSW & Queensland with experience in other jurisdictions. He has been a regular and very popular presenter on Litigation topics in the UNSW Faculty of Law CLE program. His comprehensive materials and vast personal experience to draw on during the seminar make this a valuable opportunity to add to and develop your litigation skills.

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