NATP Training Outline & Overview

TRAINERS

Your trainers from the UK will be:

- Christopher Melton KC
- Rehana Azib KC
- Scott Matthewson
- Bibi Badejo

Please see the online portal for Trainer Biographies.

GROUPS:

- There will be 2 groups of 8 trainees: Group 1 and Group 2
- Each Group will have one Lead Trainer and one alternating Trainer:
  - *Group 1 Lead Trainer: Christopher Melton KC*
  - *Group 2 Lead Trainer: Rehana Azib KC*
  - *Alternating trainers: Scott Matthewson and Bibi Badejo*
- The Groups will have the double benefit of having one consistent Lead Trainer over the course of the two days, and being taught by different trainers.
- Each Trainee will be allocated a designation of between T1 and T8:
  - *T1 to T4 will act for the Prosecution*
  - *T5 to T8 will act for the Defence*

Please see the online portal for more information on "T" assignments, specifically the Instructions & Performance Timings document.

ADVANCE PREPARATION

- No written work is required to be submitted by Trainees in advance.
- Trainees should read the materials in full and ideally have the training exercises prepared in advance of the course.
- Trainees must be ready to fully engage in the Case Analysis session on the first morning. This will be a group discussion session where the Trainees will be discussing the case.

TALKS

On Day 1, Trainees will be given advocacy talks on:

- **The Hampel Method of Advocacy Training:** what the trainers will be applying
- **Case Analysis and Closing Speeches:** what case analysis is, how it is done, how it links to closing speeches
- **Previous Inconsistent Statements:** how to cross examine witnesses on inconsistent statements they have made

TRAINING ELEMENTS

- The Course will focus on the elements of case analysis, closing speeches and witness handling.
- The first exercise will be closing speeches as this is the culmination of all case preparation and witness handling.
- On Day 2 during the witness handling exercises, Trainees will have the benefit of both direct and cross examination of witnesses.
- There will be a final, shorter closing speech exercise on Day 2 – revisiting closing speeches but with adjustments made based on how the witness handling evidence comes out.

PERFORMANCE TIMINGS

- For each exercise, each Trainee will conduct a performance within an allocated period of time, following which that performance will be reviewed by the Trainer.
- Trainers might ask Trainees at the start of an exercise (such as for witness handling), what they hope to achieve in that exercise from that witness, or what they will say about this witness or their evidence in your closing.
- For Exercises 1 to 3, 15 minutes has been allocated as total performance and review time. Advocacy performances will generally last around 7 or 8 minutes.
- Trainers might stop the advocacy performance when the relevant time has elapsed, even if the performance is not complete.
- For replay exercises, roughly 5 minutes are allocated that include replay of a particular portion of the performance and brief trainer feedback.
- For closing speeches revisited (Exercise 4), performance timings will be 3 to 4 minutes.
- The timetable is tight and it is imperative that the timings are adhered to. Trainees are asked to ensure that they arrive and are ready to perform in time for the scheduled start of each session.

CASE ANALYSIS

- This session will be conducted with all 16 trainees: prosecution and defence.
- Prosecution will sit on one side of the room, defence will sit on the other side.
- All trainees will be required to participate in the discussion.
- The session will be led by Rehana Azib KC with assistance from Christopher Melton KC. Scott Matthewson and Bibi Badejo will provide further assistance by taking notes and acting as witnesses if required.
- A longer lunch break is scheduled on Day 1 to allow trainees time to incorporate case analysis points into their closing speech notes, prior to the first exercise.

REPLAY OF EXERCISES

- Two Replay sessions are scheduled on Day 1 and Day 2, which are short sessions allowing Trainees to repeat a small part of their performance, that incorporates the Trainer feedback.
- This is not a replay of the full performance but rather the specific part or issue upon which they receive feedback.
- Trainees should feel free to start at any part of the performance that they wish to replay, and it will likely be a short performance (probably no longer than 2 or 3 minutes, maximum).

CLOSING SPEECHES EXERCISES

- Trainees will have the benefit of practicing their closing speeches twice – as the first exercise on Day 1 and the last exercise of Day 2.
- Day 1's exercise will be a full closing speech.
- The purpose of revisiting closing speeches on Day 2, is to allow Trainees to incorporate the evidence of the witnesses obtained through Exercises 2 and 3.
- This is a "real time" closing speech, and mimics what they would be required to do in a real life courtroom setting.
- Trainees are encouraged to be flexible in their advocacy and try and reduce reliance on notes for this final exercise.
- Trainees may focus on a particular aspect of the evidence and their closing speech for this exercise, as long as it relates directly to the witness evidence that has been obtained from Exercises 2 and 3.
- Trainers will not be conducting a full Hampel review of performances, but giving more general tips and feedback.
- Each Group will have the same two Trainers for both closing speech exercises.

PREVIOUS INCONSISTENT STATEMENTS

- Trainees will have a talk and demonstration on the Inner Temple-designed method of dealing with witnesses in cross examination who have made previous inconsistent statements.
- This is known as the CAPRI Method which is an acronym for the steps of the method (Confirm, Accept, Previous, Ringfence, Inconsistency).
- This talk will be given on Day 1 so that Trainees can be ready to deploy it, if required during the witness handling exercises on Day 2.

WITNESS HANDLING EXERCISE

- Group Lead Trainers will discuss the witnesses with the trainees and allocate witnesses and topics to trainees.
- Each trainee will have the opportunity to do a direct and a cross examination.
- If Trainees have a preference to deal with a particular witness, they should let their Lead Trainer know.
- Trainees should come prepared to conduct direct and cross examinations of all of the witnesses, as Trainers will want to ensure that all of the witnesses and issues are dealt with.
- Trainers and assisting trainers will play the witnesses, but trainees should be prepared to play witnesses themselves and therefore ensure they are familiar with all of the witness statements.

VIDEO REVIEW

- Each Group will have the benefit of one Video Review session, on Day 2.
- This involves each Trainee filming their performance and after they have been reviewed by the Trainer, they will go to a separate room to watch the performance with another Trainer.
- This allows the Trainee to critically analyse their performance alongside a Trainer.
- Issues of style and presentation are the focus of the Video Review.