
WORKSHOP INFORMATION, TIMETABLE AND TASK ALLOCATIONS

Advocacy Skills Workshop

Wednesday 4 September 2024 – 5.00pm to 6.30pm ONLINE by Zoom

Thursday 12 September 2024 – 5.00pm to 6.00pm ONLINE by Zoom

Saturday 14 September 2024 – 8.45am to 3.30pm IN-PERSON, Sydney

Saturday venue: Family Court of Australia, 99 Goulburn Street, Sydney.

Advocates attend ALL online and in-person sessions.

All times are Sydney time.

IMPORTANT

- Each advocate has been allocated an Advocate Number. This number can be found below.
- This timetable details when each advocate will perform their tasks.
- Familiarise yourself with **ALL** the case studies
- Consider how the case may be presented from each side
- Prepare to present the **WHOLE ALLOCATED TASKS**
- You may be asked to perform part of a task
- You will be reviewed on the part of the task you perform in the allotted time

TIMES FOR PERFORMANCE AND REVIEW WILL BE STRICTLY OBSERVED

Advocacy Skills Workshop

4, 12, 14 September 2024



Please read the information below immediately and thoroughly as it is important to your preparation and contribution to learning at the workshop.

Dear Workshop Advocate,

The AAI and Sparke Helmore Lawyers are pleased to be able to provide this advocacy workshop for you and we are sure that you will find this course helpful in improving your advocacy skills.

Workshop Program:

Part 1: Introductory Session 1. ONLINE – Wednesday 4 September 2024

Time: 5.00pm to 6.30pm

Part 2: Introductory Session 2. ONLINE – Thursday 12 September 2024

Time: 5.00pm to 6.00pm

Part 3: Advocacy Performance Skills Workshop IN PERSON – Saturday 14 September 2024

Venue: Family Court of Australia, 99 Goulburn Street, Sydney.

Time: 8.45am to 3.30pm.

All times are Sydney time.

Workshop Format:

Introductory sessions ONLINE Wednesday 4 September and Thursday 12 September:

The Wednesday and Thursday sessions will be held ONLINE, with all advocates joining using the AAI ZOOM platform through their own computer connection. Further details on using and connecting by ZOOM are on the dedicated AAI webpage for this workshop.

Click on this link for automatic log-on:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2716263497?pwd=cjZmOXRROUp0dUVpaTdaWEM2TEwyQT09>

(ID = 2716263497 Password = Advocacy)

Workshop IN-PERSON Saturday 14 September:

The following “**Timetable and Task Allocation**” details the format for Saturday. At the start of the Timetable you will find a table that allocates a GROUP and ADVOCATE NUMBER for each advocate.

Group Performance Sessions and General Skills Sessions have been scheduled through the day.

In the Group Sessions, you will break into smaller groups to individually **present your allocated advocacy tasks** before a Judge/Trainer in the same manner that you would present in court. You will find your allocated advocacy tasks set out within each session of the timetable below and all the case studies and materials for download under the Tab “Workshop Materials for download” in Part 1 of the Workshop webpage.

Once you have finished each performance you will be given a review by the AAI instructor. This review is designed to be positive, not critical. You will be given advice on ways that your individual performance can be improved using various advocacy skills, including a demonstration and explanation of the particular skills relevant to your performance.

See the note on “Task Performance” overpage.

The Workshop Case Studies:

Why have we used a ‘criminal’ case study? We acknowledge that for some of you, the case studies being used may not be of the type you generally deal with. We use these case studies deliberately as we believe them to be very good for the teaching of advocacy, demonstrating skills that can be applied in any jurisdiction, be it criminal, civil family law or commercial, etc. The advocacy skills you will learn will be of universal application – the same skills apply regardless of the type of case, the jurisdiction you appear in or the side you appear on. This has been proven over three decades of advocacy instruction by the AAI.

Please don’t get bogged down in your preparation with any legal technicalities within the case studies. Don’t research or bring statutes or precedents. Do not be distracted with “the law”. Evidence is restricted to **only** that contained within each case study so you do not need to look outside the immediate information provided. The purpose of this workshop is to help you with how to structure a case, how to prepare, how to ask purposive relevant questions, how to argue, how to be persuasive in court. We will not be concerned with jurisdictional procedure.

Preparation before the workshop:

This is a performance-based workshop.

You are required to prepare each of your set tasks between now and the commencement of the workshop. Please **allow yourself time to prepare properly** – it is anticipated that you should allocate 5+ hours for this preparation.

If you are not totally familiar with the requirements of any particular advocacy task, you may find it helpful to refer to the “Specific Advocacy Tasks” summary at the end of the Course Materials document. I also recommend you consult the “AAI Advocacy Manual” PDF document provided as part of the workshop materials downloads, which has detailed chapters on all the aspects of advocacy you will be using at this workshop. Unfortunately, copyright restrictions require this version to be ‘read only’ and thus cannot be printed. You are **not** required to bring a copy to the workshop, rather use this Manual in your preparation and for future reference.

Task Performance:

You will see in the timetable task allocations that a time limit has been set for each task performance. Please prepare as if you were to present the whole of the task. The time allocation means you may not be able to present all the task and you are not expected to be able to finish your performance. Do not rush and try and fit it all into the allocated time. Your review will be on that part of the task you present, not the parts you may not have reached.

You will be asked to act as a witness for other advocates.

When a task requires a witness in Evidence in Chief and Cross Examination, the AAI Trainer will nominate an advocate from your group to act the witness role. **THIS MAY BE YOU**, so a thorough knowledge and understanding of the facts of each case study will help both you and your colleagues get the most out of the workshop. Know the witness statements to the same degree you would expect of the witness when it is your turn to present.

I look forward to seeing you at the workshop.

Regards



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Workshop Timetable

Wednesday & Thursday Workshop Log-on:

Follow this link for automatic log-on:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2716263497?pwd=cjZmOXRROUp0dUVpaTdaWEM2TEwyQT09>

(Password = Advocacy)

OR ... for MANUAL LOG-ON to the Zoom Workshop:

1. Open Zoom program
2. Click "Join Meeting"
3. Meeting ID is: **2716263497**
4. Meeting Password is: **Advocacy**

Wednesday 4 September 2024 - ONLINE

4.30 to 5.00pm

Advocates log-on to Zoom Workshop.

SESSION 1 5.00 to 6.30pm (90mins)

General Session	Introduction to Advocacy. Case Theory and Argument.
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Thursday 12 September 2024 - ONLINE

4.30 to 5.00pm

Advocates log-on to Zoom Workshop.

SESSION 1 5.00 to 6.00pm (60mins)

General Session	Techniques in questioning. Communication in the Courtroom
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GROUP AND ADVOCATE NUMBER

Your advocate number is used to determine which **TASKS** you will be performing in the timetable that follows.

	RED GROUP	BLUE GROUP	YELLOW GROUP
1	Aatika Ismailjee	Tutti Copping	Georgie Martin
2	Kaitlyn Plumb	Tess Price	Tara Rossetto
3	Xylie Tran	Jarvis Kirstenfeldt	Llewellyn Horgan
4	Samuel Woods	Anis Rezae	Kristina Petrovski
5	Jonathan Sathiendrakumar	Anthony Westenberg	Madi Rush
6	Kah-Mun Wong	Tareena Martin	Thomas Guihot

SATURDAY 14 September 2024 – In Person

Venue: Family Court of Australia, 99 Goulburn Street, Sydney

8.30am to 8.45am

Participants log-on to Zoom Workshop.

8.45am to 9.00am

Participants will be admitted to General Workshop Session.

8.45 - Introduction to the AAI Teaching Faculty

9.00 - All move to allocated Group Rooms.

Advocates should be ready to immediately commence performance tasks upon joining their Group Breakout Room.

SESSION 1 9.00 to 10.00am (60 mins)

Group Session

APPLICATIONS

Case Study 1: Porcine v Royal Bridgewater Golf Club

TASK: Apply for an ex-parte injunction

ADVOCATE: 1

TASK: Apply for an ex-parte injunction

ADVOCATE: 2

Case Study 2: DPP v Uri Zukov

TASK: Make submissions on behalf of the Crown

ADVOCATE: 3

TASK: Make submissions on behalf of Zukov

ADVOCATE: 4

Case Study 3: Philip Ball - Plea

TASK: Make submissions on sentence on behalf of the Crown ADVOCATE: 5

TASK: Make submissions on sentence on behalf of Ball ADVOCATE: 6

All advocates should have read and be familiar with all 3 case studies.

Performances in Group

5 minutes per task

Review in Group

4 minutes per task

MORNING TEA BREAK 10.00 to 10.15am (15 mins)

SESSION 2 10.15 to 11.15am (60 mins)

Group Session

LEADING EVIDENCE AND CROSS EXAMINATION

Case Study 3: DPP v Evelyn Cannon

TASK: Lead Evidence from Const. O'Rourke for Prosecution

ADVOCATE 3

TASK: Cross Examine Const. O'Rourke for Defence

ADVOCATE 4

TASK: Lead Evidence from Peter Porter for Prosecution

ADVOCATE 1

TASK: Cross Examine Peter Porter for Defence

ADVOCATE 2

TASK: Lead Evidence from Evelyn Cannon for Defence

ADVOCATE 6

TASK: Cross Examine Evelyn Cannon for Prosecution

ADVOCATE 5

All participants must be completely familiar with all witness statements within this case study to enable them to act as witnesses.

Performances in Group

5 minutes per task

Review in Group

5 minutes per task

SESSION 3	11.15 to 12 noon (45 mins)
General Session	<u>CASE THEORY</u>

LUNCH BREAK 12.00 to 12.30pm (30 min)

SESSION 4	12.30 to 1.00pm (30 mins)
General Session	<u>REVISION</u> Advocates to privately revise their preparation for the afternoon sessions taking regard of their morning performance reviews.

SESSION 5	1.00 to 2.05pm (65 mins)
Group Session	<p><u>LEADING EVIDENCE AND CROSS EXAMINATION</u> <u>Case Study 3: DPP v Evelyn Cannon</u></p> <p>TASK: Lead Evidence from Const. O'Rourke for Prosecution ADVOCATE 5 TASK: Cross Examine Const. O'Rourke for Defence ADVOCATE 6 TASK: Lead Evidence from Luigi Fiorelli for Defence ADVOCATE 4 TASK: Cross Examine Luigi Fiorelli for Prosecution ADVOCATE 3 TASK: Lead Evidence from Evelyn Cannon for Defence ADVOCATE 2 TASK: Cross Examine Evelyn Cannon for Prosecution ADVOCATE 1</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Performances in Group 5 minutes per task Review in Group 5 minutes per task</p>

SHORT BREAK 2.05 to 2.10pm (5 min)

SESSION 6	2.10 to 3.15pm (65 mins)
Group Session	<p><u>OPENING ADDRESS AND CLOSING ARGUMENT</u> <u>Case Study 3: DPP v Evelyn Cannon</u></p> <p>TASK: Present closing argument for Prosecution ADVOCATE: 3 TASK: Present closing argument for Defence ADVOCATE: 4 TASK: Present closing argument for Prosecution ADVOCATE: 5 TASK: Present closing argument for Defence ADVOCATE: 6 TASK: Present closing argument for Prosecution ADVOCATE: 1 TASK: Present closing argument for Defence ADVOCATE: 2</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Performances in Group 5 minutes per task Review in Group 5 minutes per task</p>

SESSION 7	3.15 to 3.30pm (15 mins)
General Session	<u>DISCUSSION AND CLOSING SESSION</u>