

Society of Expert Witnesses' Autumn Conference

The Good, The Bad and The Ugly How expert evidence can make or break a case

Kenwood Hall, Sheffield, Friday 23 September & 24 September 2011

Friday 23 September 2011	
09.30	Registration and Coffee
10.15	Welcome
10.20	Session 1: The Experience of Experts
10.20 – 10.40	<p>Two Experts and a Dog Dr S E Josse OBE, <i>Forensic Medical Examiner</i> Drawing on his 46 years as a police forensic examiner, Dr Josse illustrates some bizarre consequences of the arrest of a suspected criminal.</p>
10.40 - 11.00	<p>The Instant Expert; the consequences of cuts on credibility Mr Bill Harriman, <i>Director of Firearms BASC & Antique Firearms & Militaria Specialist BBC Antiques Roadshow</i> The problems of unqualified police support personnel being used as experts.</p>
11.00–11.30	Coffee
11.30	Session 2: Keynote Speaker
11.30–12.30	<p>Trial and Error Ms Julie Goulding, Commissioner, <i>Criminal Cases Review Commission</i> A presentation of the work of the Commission, including errors and miscarriages of justice and the effects of the Admissibility of Evidence Bill 2011.</p>
12.30–14.00	Lunch
14.00	Session 3: Keynote Speaker
14.00–15.00	<p>Pitfalls and Pleasures for the Expert Dr Martin Mansell, <i>Consultant Nephrologist</i> Dr Mansell has many years of experience as an expert kidney specialist and is the author of a book for lawyers on the subject.</p>
15.00	Session 4: More Experience of Experts
15.00-15.20	<p>A Day in the life of a High Profile Expert Mr David Walker Frequently leading a team of experts in the world of high value civil claims for loss of perishable cargoes, David's day can be far removed from most of us.</p>
15.20-15.50	Tea
15.50 - 16.10	<p>Lies, Damn Lies and Expert Evidence Professor Robert Douglas, <i>Respiratory Physiologist</i> The use of statistics in expert evidence can help judges and juries enormously but can also mislead them into unsafe judgements and verdicts.</p>
16.10 – 16.30	<p>Trials and Tribulations of a Road Crash Investigator Mr Paul Croft, <i>Road Crash Investigation & Reconstruction Consultant</i> A collision investigator for 13 years, former police officer Mr Croft tells how to avoid misunderstanding and negotiate potential pitfalls in presenting evidence.</p>
16.30-17.15	<p>Open Forum Dr S E Josse, Mr Bill Harriman, Ms Julie Goulding, Dr Martin Mansell, Mr David Walker, Professor Robert Douglas and Mr Paul Croft</p>
17.15	Closing Remarks
Saturday 24 September 2011	
Workshop Sessions	
High-quality hands-on training run in small groups by senior expert witnesses.	
10.00–12.30	<p>Workshop 1 Fees & Charges <i>Richard Cory-Pearce</i></p>
	<p>Workshop 2 Developing & Marketing your Expert Practice <i>Jenny Cotton</i></p>