



The Inns of
Court College
of Advocacy

Annual Review

2018–2019



Chair's Introduction

Throughout the year the ICCA continued its work in raising and maintaining high standards in the practice of advocacy and professional ethics in courts and tribunals.

Our main focus was the preparation of our application to the Bar Standards Board (BSB) for authorisation to deliver our new two-part Bar Course. This involved detailed negotiations with the regulator and our academic partner, course design and the recruitment of essential staff. The BSB opened its window for applications at the beginning of April and we were the first in the field to apply. Next year's Review will demonstrate the substantial progress we have made.

In addition to this extensive work, the ICCA has continued to deliver training and develop new materials and programmes for established practitioners at home and abroad.

We held a one-day seminar in April 2019 on advocacy training addressed by a team of experienced national and international trainers. Our full programme of training events and publications continues to cover the handling of expert witnesses, vulnerable witnesses, advocacy in the youth court and complex problems in professional ethics. It enjoys widening interest and support.

We again record our gratitude to the Inns of Court and COIC for providing the resources which enable us to maintain this high level of activity.



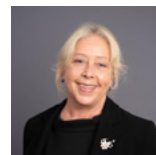
Derek Wood CBE QC

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The ICCA Bar Course

Alexandra Frith ►
Bar Course leader



Jane Hutton ►►
Joint Head of Online Learning



In April 2019, the ICCA applied to the BSB for authorisation to deliver a new two-part Bar Course. In July, we received conditional authorisation for our first Part One students to start in September 2020. The new course format lowers the cost of training to £13,095 and increases flexibility for students by delivering the knowledge-based elements of the curriculum online during Part One. Part Two will focus on skills modules and will be undertaken face-to-face within the precincts of the Inns of Court, led by our experienced Bar Course Leader, Alexandra Frith. The ICCA are in the final stages of agreeing arrangements with an academic partner and being registered with the Office for Students.

Details of our course and the regulatory hurdles we have overcome are all available on the website:

icca.ac.uk/bar-training/

Our applications portal is due to open on 9th December 2019 and Selection events scheduled for February 2020. Our Head of Recruitment and Admissions, Christopher Kessling has worked closely with consultants to design a process which is committed to equality of opportunity and the promotion of diversity. We adopt fair and transparent admissions and selection processes so as to achieve our aim of accepting candidates who are motivated, bright, dedicated and diligent with a realistic chance of attaining the standard required for an award of pupillage, irrespective of their social, cultural and economic background.

In September the ICCA's Joint Heads of Online Learning, Jane Hutton and Patrick Ryan were 'on set' at Blackfriars Crown Court for the filming of courtroom scenes for our Part One Bar Course.

Part One is a combination of the most innovative digital assets, bringing the centrally-set exam subjects to life for students. Students can study at a time and in a place convenient to them for the BSB's exams which are scheduled for April, August and December. Once successful in those exams, students embark on Part Two where there will be a heavy emphasis on advocacy, incorporating an introduction to vulnerable witness handling and youth justice.

The ICCA has a wealth of experience in its academic and leadership teams and is supported by a dedicated and impressive operations team.

A preview of some ►
of the work being
produced for the Bar
Course virtual learning
environment (VLE)
Artwork by Danny Coyne



Behind the scenes of ►►
the courtroom filming at
Blackfriars Crown Court.



Reliability of expert evidence in court

The ICCA is proud of its statistics guide which has been created in partnership with the Royal Statistical Society (RSS). The Society's work on 'Statistics and the Law' provided a very fitting frame for collaboration. The guide and accompanying expert evidence guide can both be found on our website.

icca.ac.uk/promoting-reliability-in-expert-evidence/

We know that the guide has proved to be an invaluable resource already for many in practice and that it has received favourable reviews. We are continuing our work in this field and seeking to partner with others in various specialist areas.

'It provides a useful overview of the legal, procedural and practical issues relating to the use of expert evidence.'



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ROYAL
STATISTICAL
SOCIETY
DATA | EVIDENCE | DECISIONS

Statistics and probability for advocates

Understanding the use of statistical evidence in courts and tribunals



Expert Evidence

In March 2019, under the guidance of Andrew Hochhauser QC, the ICCA delivered two conferences in Manchester and Bristol on the handling of expert witnesses. The conferences comprised practical training based on bespoke case studies in two specialist areas; expert accounting and expert psychiatry. We are grateful to Simon Readhead QC for delivering an excellent keynote dealing with the evolution of expert evidence in court, the challenges that advocates face in obtaining and testing expert witnesses, and for giving some top tips on what to look out for when instructing an expert.

The conferences were supplemental to the ICCA's guides, *Guidance on the preparation, admission and examination of expert evidence* and *Statistics and probability for advocates: Understanding the use of statistical evidence in courts and tribunals* which seek to assist advocates in preparing to deal with statistical evidence and expert witnesses at trial.

Both guides are available to download for free at our website icca.ac.uk/expert-evidence or contact info@icca.ac.uk if you would prefer a printed copy.



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Guidance on the preparation, admission and examination of expert evidence

Promoting Reliability in Expert Evidence



Advocacy and the Vulnerable

The Advocacy and the Vulnerable criminal programme continues to be delivered by the Inns and Circuits to advocates who practise in the criminal courts. The course helps advocates understand the special approach to be adopted in cases involving children and vulnerable witnesses and to employ developmentally appropriate language as part of their cross-examination techniques. We are continuing to review and refine the materials for this course as demonstrated by the revision of the *20 Principles of Questioning* published in October 2018. The course is now available in a new online format allowing delegates to test their knowledge before embarking on the drafting exercise.

Work continues to develop a bespoke course for the FLBA which is due to be delivered in 2020.

Reviews of the impact of the training by the MOJ, the judiciary and the NSPCC are encouraging and much progress is being made in the criminal courts to alleviate the trauma for vulnerable witnesses and children who are required to give evidence.

More information can be found on our website under 'CPD' and you can keep up-to-date with developments in this area in our 'News' section.

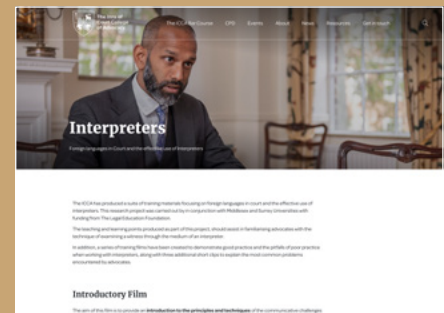
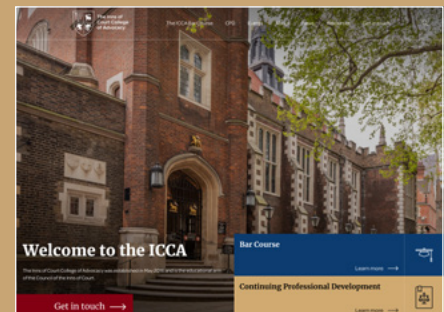
Advocacy Trainers' Symposium

On Saturday 6 April 2019, the ICCA hosted an Advocacy Trainers' Symposium welcoming advocacy trainers of all levels to share visions about the development of advocacy training, contribute to open discussion around common problems encountered during training and to assist in determining how to further develop the programme of training available. We are very grateful to the advocacy trainers from Middle Temple who attended to represent their Inn.

The event began with a thought-provoking keynote address from Timothy Dutton CBE QC and The Hon. Justice Ann Ainslie-Wallace who spoke about the challenges facing both advocates and advocacy trainers in the 21st Century. We were also pleased to welcome Professor Cheryl Thomas and The Hon. Mr Justice Griffiths who demonstrated the pilot Ethics course being rolled out by Inner Temple. The training utilises new software which allows those in attendance to provide an immediate reaction to the ethical scenarios being proposed.

The ICCA's New Look

The ICCA's new look website launched in June this year showcasing our new branding. All the same material and information is available, some of which is in new a new format. Our website address is: icca.ac.uk



If you are interested in assisting with any of the ICCA projects, please email info@icca.ac.uk for more details and to express your interest.

International Work

Internationally, the ICCA continues to expand its reach, delivering programmes in new jurisdictions including Kenya, Cyprus and Ukraine, in addition to further developing its established links with organisations including the American Inns of Court, the Sierra Leone Bar Association and the Advocacy Club in the Hague. In the past 12 months, the ICCA has delivered courses in 10 jurisdictions delivering a combination of basic advocacy and 'train the trainer' courses.

In late 2018, the ICCA was approached by the EU Advisory Mission in Ukraine to deliver a round of basic advocacy training to prosecutors in Odessa. Following the success of this pilot, in February 2019 the ICCA was invited to run 'train the trainers' training for the Academy of Prosecution in Kiev. The aim of this course was for graduates to conduct further training for students of the Academy and for practising prosecutors to ensure the sustainability of the course. Both training programmes utilised case materials developed by the EUAM team with plenary sessions and breakouts being delivered in English with concurrent translations. This was a first for the ICCA!

As a result of the ICCA's expertise in dealing with vulnerable witnesses, it was invited by the FCO to assist in developing and delivering training in Montserrat and Trinidad; jurisdictions which are both considering the introduction of special measures for dealing with vulnerable witnesses. The ICCA has since contributed to a bespoke training programme, led by Sarah Clarke QC.

Delegates from the advocacy training trip to Kenya, February 2019



Justice Week

In Justice Week, in October 2018, the ICCA presented a mock trial at the Royal Courts of Justice to illustrate the power of advocacy.

The case was based around Goldilocks after she was found in Baby Bear's bed. In our version, Goldilocks ran for her life, and sustained injuries during her escape.

The Crown Prosecution Service brought charges against Daddy Bear and he faced a life sentence in custody...

'An excellent introduction to the criminal court process. Our grandchildren aged 8 and 10 were captivated and really enjoyed it.'

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Justice Week



DADDY BEAR ON TRIAL

Have you ever wondered what happened to Goldilocks after she was found in Baby Bear's bed? We know the classic story, Goldilocks ran for her life, but what you may not know is that she sustained injuries during her escape. The Crown Prosecution Service are now bringing charges against Daddy Bear and he faces life in jail.

Goldilocks claims Daddy Bear pushed her down the stairs; Daddy Bear claims he stayed with his wife and baby to keep them safe. Whose story is real and how will we find out? It's time to take Daddy Bear to trial!

Families are welcome, but the trial may be unsuitable for children under eight years old.

Join us for the Trial of the Century:
The Royal Courts of Justice
Strand
London WC2A 2LL

From 5.30pm – 6.30pm on Tuesday
30 October 2018.

Tickets are **free**, but must be booked in advance by visiting the link below.

 icca.ac.uk/daddybear



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