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REMINDER TO APPLY!!

ADVANCED ADVOCACY TRAINING COURSE INVITATION - NOW OPEN TO JUNIORS OF FIVE YEARS' CALL AND UPWARDS

ENHANCING THE SYNERGY BETWEEN ACCOUNTING AND COMMERCIAL CONCEPTS AND THE LEADING OF LAY AND EXPERT WITNESSES IN COMMERCIAL TRIALS

Have you ever struggled with reading financial statements, or wondered how best to consult with expert witnesses? Have you panicked at the thought of cross-examining an expert witness?

If you have - then you are like every other responsible Counsel at the Bar and this course is for you! Developing on the very successful debut of the course in 2023, the course will introduce new components designed to make accounting and business concepts that arise commonly in commercial litigation, accessible and relatable to advocates in practical and real-life terms. Participants will also be exposed to the way events in the life of a business are reflected in the financial records and therefore will have a greater understanding and ability to interpret what they see in financial statements.

Building on that foundation, which will be useful for many types of commercial cases, participants will then run a case which integrates both lay witnesses and financial experts (including the opportunity to lead and cross-examine accountants from Deloitte who will play the roles of the experts in the case study).

Arising out of a number of requests received, the course is now open to juniors of five years' call and upwards and will be held at the Wallenberg, Stellenbosch in Cape Town from Wednesday 10 January to Saturday 13 January 2024 (check out and departure on Sunday 14 January 2024). The world class faculty includes not only experienced GCB advocacy teachers like Constitutional Court Justice Rogers, Judges of Appeal Weiner and Gorven and Acting Judge of Appeal Unterhalter as well as silks and experienced juniors from around the country but also trainers from Australia, Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia, England and Scotland.

The non-refundable course fee is R13 000,00 payable by 30 November 2023. It covers the training, materials, accommodation, all meals and transfers from and to Cape Town International Airport but not airfares. The GCB is offering financial assistance in the form of a remission of half of the course fee to 5 applicants who cannot afford the full fee.

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