



The New South Wales Bar Association



The Australian Bar Association

AUSTRALIAN BAR ASSOCIATION (ABA) RESIDENTIAL ADVOCACY COURSE

The ABA Residential Advocacy Course (to be held in conjunction with The New South Wales Bar Association) is based on the demanding intensive advocacy training offered each year by the South Eastern Circuit Bar at Kebel College, Oxford and provides a valuable opportunity to gain intensive and practical advocacy tuition.

The first such course was held at the University of Western Australia, Perth in January 2007 and was a great success. Twenty barristers from around the country attended and were coached by senior members of the bar from the United Kingdom, New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania.

The second course is being held from 21-25 January 2008 at the Macquarie Graduate School of Management (MGSM), North Ryde. Accommodation will be at the MGSM Executive Hotel and the adjacent Travelodge Hotel. Information on the venue and accommodation is included in this pack.

Whilst the first course was open to readers, places in the second course are limited to people with seniority of at least two years at the private bar and it will be a more advanced course. There are places available for forty-two barristers from around Australia, with twenty-one senior practitioners forming the coaching team.

There are very few opportunities for barristers to develop their advocacy skills by preparing a case and experimenting with a number of styles of performance to see which is the most effective for that advocate on that occasion. Rarely does a barrister have the opportunity of seeing their own performance played back so that it can be examined by the barrister themselves. And never in professional practice is there an opportunity to have a number of senior practitioners analyse performances and provide intensive and supportive feedback about ways to improve performance.

This course provides each of these elements and much more. The Australian Bar Association and each of the Australian State and Territory Bar Associations are committed to supporting independent barristers to excel personally in their professional careers and also enhancing the professional community and spirit of the Bar that is so special.

COURSE OUTLINE

The course will be in the context of a Federal Court commercial case. Over the four days of the course, each barrister will give an opening address, examine in chief three witnesses, cross examine three witnesses and give a closing address.

PRE COURSE PREPARATION

A high level of preparation of the brief is expected, before the course commences.

Each barrister will be briefed for the Applicant or Respondent to appear in the Federal Court in *Rice Pressings (Australia) Ltd v Plowman & Dartmoor International Trading Inc.* The case is detailed and requires a good deal of close examination and thought. Barristers are expected to be ready to deliver an opening address on the first full day of the course, and as such it is essential that extensive preparation is undertaken before the course commences. Past experience suggests that at least three full days may be required. As part of that preparation, it is expected that each barrister will have prepared a chronology, an outline of opening address, an outline of the examination in chief for each witness, cross-examination points and an outline for the closing address prior to the course commencing. There is no doubt these documents will be refined as the course proceeds, but the intensity of the course and the desirable opportunity to mix and relax in the evening means there will be limited time for extensive preparation during the course.

COURSE FORMAT

The general format of the course is to discuss in the requirements of each performance in group sessions then senior advocates will demonstrate a performance and the strengths and weaknesses of that performance will be discussed. Barristers then reconsider and refine their preparation for their own performances overnight.

- The course commences on Monday, 21 January 2008 at 4.00pm. After a short welcome and introduction to the course, there will be a group session on case analysis, then a discussion about opening addresses followed by a demonstration opening address.
- On Tuesday (Case Analysis and Addressing Day), there will be an intensive case analysis sessions (2 barristers per coach) and the barristers opening their respective cases. In the evening there will be a discussion about examinations in chief followed by a demonstration.
- On Wednesday (Examination in Chief Day), each barrister will examine the three witnesses for the Applicant or the Respondent. In the evening there will be a discussion about cross examination followed by a demonstration.
- On Thursday (Cross examination Day), each barrister will cross-examine the three witnesses for the Applicant or the Respondent. In the evening there will be a discussion about closing addresses followed by a demonstration.
- On Friday (Cross-examination and Closing Day), each barrister will re-cross-examine one of the witnesses and do part of a closing address.

Performances will occur in mock court rooms in groups of 6 with 3 coaches involved. The performances will be commented upon by a coach in court. They will also be recorded and

immediately reviewed with another coach, one on one, in an adjacent room so that particular aspects of the performance, or suggestions for change, can be further discussed and developed.

All coaches will be available during breaks and before and after sessions for consultation.

COACHES

The coaching faculty is comprised of 21 senior Australian and overseas advocates, which have been invited each of the States and Territories. The coaching team includes:

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| Edwin Glasgow QC (UK) | Paul Menzies QC (NSW) |
| Phil Greenwood SC (NSW) | Chris Shanahan SC (WA) |
| Robert Wensley QC (QLD) | Martin Grinberg (Vic) |
| Julian Burnside QC (Vic) | Julia Baird (NSW) |
| Ken Martin QC (WA) | Patrick O'Neal (WA) |
| Stephen Estcourt SC (TAS) | Gail Archer (WA) |
| Her Hon Judge Anne Ainslie-Wallace (NSW) | Ian Robertson (SA) |
| Glenn Martin SC (Qld) | His Honour Judge Brian Donovan QC (NSW) |

COURSE COST

The cost for the course is \$3,000 (GST inclusive). This cost includes:

- All course materials and readings.
- Course venue, equipment, transcript services and stationery.
- Five nights accommodation (Monday-Friday nights) at either the MGSM Executive Hotel or the adjoining Travelodge. Rooms include internet access and parking.
- All breakfasts, lunches, pre-dinner drinks and dinners.
- Final night off-site dinner including drinks.

Please note that there are no discounts being offered for Sydney residents or those barristers who wish to stay off-site. It is intended that this is a residential course and as such rooms have been booked for all barristers.

Travel costs to Sydney are additional for interstate barristers and are to be organised by the barristers individually.

IMPORTANT PAYMENT INFORMATION

- Payment for the course is to occur in two installments: \$500 upon registration (non-refundable) and the balance of \$2,500 on or before Friday, 16 November 2007. Failure to pay the balance on or before 16 November 2007 will be treated as a withdrawal from the course and the position will be allocated to another barrister.
- If you withdraw from the course after the payment of the balance (\$2,500) that amount will be refunded only if the vacant position can be filled by another barrister who pays the full course fee.

COURSE VENUE

MACQUARIE GRADUATE SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE CENTRE

Macquarie Graduate School of Management (MGSM) Conference Centre is less than 17kms from the Sydney CBD. The Conference Centre is located in a quiet rural setting on the picturesque grounds of the Macquarie University campus at Macquarie Park.



The modern purpose-built facilities at the MGSM Conference Centre offer state-of-the-art teaching facilities set amongst bushland with dining and recreational facilities, often overlooking the University lake.

The facilities are ideal for the ABA Advocacy Course as all buildings are close to the accommodation and dining facilities. The Conference Centre has an onsite café and there is a bar in the adjoining Executive Hotel, off-street parking, internet access throughout and a computer laboratory. The centre is a short walking distance from Macquarie Shopping Centre.

A map of the Conference Centre location is enclosed.

Attached to the Conference Centre is the Executive Hotel. Whether barristers are staying at the MGSM Executive Hotel or the Travelodge, all will be able to use the facilities of the Executive Hotel. All meals will be served at the MGSM dining facilities.



ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation will be at the MGSM Executive Hotel and the adjacent Travelodge, North Ryde. The proximity of the accommodation to the Conference can be seen on the enclosed map.

MGSM EXECUTIVE HOTEL



MGSM Executive Hotel is attached to the MGSM Conference Centre. The 4-star hotel is set amongst landscaped gardens, overlooking views of the University Lake and surrounding bushland.

The hotel includes a message service with 24-hour reception and security, reading room, guest laundry, plus off street parking.

The hotel rooms include ensuite bathrooms, a spacious and well lit work desk with data points, comfortable seating and views of the surrounding bushland, individually controlled air conditioning, television, mini bar, fridge, tea and coffee making facilities, iron and ironing board, hairdryer and safety deposit boxes.

TRAVELODGE NORTH RYDE

The Travelodge North Ryde is a 3.5-star hotel set within the grounds of the Conference Centre. The hotel has 24-hour reception assistance, safety deposit boxes, guest laundry and dry cleaning and off-street parking.



All rooms have luxury healthcare beds, non-allergenic pillows and 100% Australian Merino wool blankets, individually controlled air conditioning, ensuite bathroom with large well lit vanity mirror, kitchenette with microwave and tea & coffee making facilities, TV with radio, Foxtel and movie channels, work table with table high PC data and powerpoints, electronic security lock and telephone voicemail facilities.