

## **SABA BAR READERS' COURSE**

### **PROPOSED 2023**

***\*\* NOTE: SABA does not warrant that each and every seminar or exercise listed below will be provided in any given year \*\****

#### **SEMINARS**

##### **Practical advocacy skills**

1. Witness preparation: civil and criminal
2. Written advocacy (1.5 hours)
3. Appellate advocacy
4. Expectations of a junior
5. Courtroom etiquette and dealing with difficult judges, opposing counsel, clients and witnesses (including bias applications)
6. Information technology forensics in civil and criminal matters

##### **Civil procedure units**

7. Preparing pleadings
8. Discovery and non-party discovery
9. Interlocutory injunctions
10. Security for costs
11. Interlocutory applications
12. Advices on evidence and legal opinions
13. Expert evidence
14. Affidavits and witness statements
15. Costs, filed offers and Calderbank letters
16. Mediation and drafting settlement documents

##### **Criminal procedure units**

17. The role and duty of prosecutors and police and other investigative agencies, and disclosure obligations
18. Rule 49 applications
19. Taking and recording instructions
20. Guilty pleas
21. Objections and tendering documents; sections 28 and 29 of the Evidence Act
22. Preparing for a criminal trial
23. Legal aid system and barristers

### **Ethics and professional standards**

24. The South Australian Barristers' Rules and ethical conduct
25. The role of the Legal Profession Conduct Commissioner and the Legal Practitioners Disciplinary Tribunal
26. Pro bono work and JusticeNet SA
27. Dealing with the media

### **Practice management and life at the Bar**

28. Administrative and financial aspects of practice [Nexia Edwards Marshall]
29. Advocates' immunity, risk management and professional liability insurance: professional obligations and regulatory issues (1.5 hours)
30. Costs agreements and disclosure obligations
31. Mental and physical health while at the Bar
32. Discrimination, bullying and/or harassment

### **Introduction to courts, institutions and jurisdictions**

33. The role of the Crown Solicitor and appearing for and against the State
34. Acting for and against regulators (1.5 hours)
35. Administrative Appeals Tribunal and tribunal advocacy
36. South Australian Civil and Administrative Tribunal
37. South Australian Employment Tribunal and Licensing Court
38. Coroner's Court
39. Magistrates Court
40. District Court and Environment, Resources and Development Court
41. District Court Masters' List and Notices to Admit
42. Supreme Court Special Classification and Masters' List
43. Supreme Court
44. Supreme Court Library
45. Wills, estates and navigating the Probate Office
46. Youth Court
47. Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia
48. Family Law and the Independent Children's Lawyer
49. Federal Court and Bankruptcy Jurisdiction
50. High Court of Australia and Special Leave Applications

## **ADVOCACY ELEMENTS**

### **Criminal**

51. Feedback on Rule 49 application
52. Oral Rule 49 application
- 52a. Criminal trial preparation session
53. Criminal trial (all aspects)
54. Guilty plea / sentencing submission

### **Civil, Family Law and Appellate**

55. Pleadings exercise and subsequent feedback
56. Feedback on written advocacy
57. Injunction application
58. Interlocutory application
59. Family Law interim argument and cross-examination
60. Single justice appeal (Magistrates' Court appeal)

## **2023 BAR READERS' COURSE** **TIMETABLE GUIDE**

**\* Subject to Change \***

Course Launch Event and signing of Powell's List (Register of Readers)

- Date TBA (either in early July or mid October) (*mid-week evening*)
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### **GROUP 1**

(Anticipated to be) Friday 30 June or Saturday 1 July (TBD)

- Pre-ETAC: Approaching a Brief and Case Analysis Session

(Sunday 9 July) Monday 10 July to Friday 14 July (Saturday 15 July) [*allowing for travel*]

- **Essential Trial Advocacy Course** (ETAC) in Perth
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### **ALL READERS**

Pre-Course: Requirements and Information Session

- Date TBA in mid October (*mid-week evening*) – possibly 18 or 19 October
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### **GROUP 2**

(Anticipated to be) Friday 13 October or Saturday 14 October (TBD)

- Pre-ETAC: Approaching a Brief and Case Analysis Session

Monday 23 October to Friday 27 October (inclusive)

- **Essential Trial Advocacy Course** (ETAC) in Adelaide
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### **ALL READERS**

#### Week 1 – 30 October

##### Seminar Series

\* Monday to Friday ... sessions between approximately 8:30am and 6:30pm

\* Saturday ... sessions between approximately 9am and 2pm

#### Week 2 – 6 November

##### Seminar Series

\* Monday to Friday ... sessions between approximately 8:30am and 6:30pm

\* Saturday ... sessions between approximately 9am and 2pm

#### Week 3 – 13 November

##### Feedback on Written Work & Free Time

\* Tuesday to Thursday ... feedback sessions before or after court (ie. 8:30am to 9:45am or 5:15pm to 6:30pm)

#### Week 4 – 20 November

##### Civil Advocacy Week

\* Monday to Friday ... full day advocacy exercises (*no evening sessions*)

\* Saturday ... session between approximately 10am and 1pm

Week 5 – 27 November

Free Week

\* Monday to Saturday (*no anticipated course sessions*)

Week 6 – 4 December

Criminal Advocacy Week

\* Monday to Friday ... full day advocacy exercises (*no evening sessions*)

**Reading Period**

12 Weeks (completed by 30 April 2024)

**Nigel Wilson Lecture & Graduation Event**

To be Advised in mid 2024