

SABA BAR READERS' COURSE

PROPOSED 2024

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

SEMINARS

Ethics and professional standards

1. The South Australian Barristers' Rules and ethical conduct
2. Advocates' immunity, risk management and professional liability insurance: professional obligations and regulatory issues
3. Discrimination, bullying and harassment
4. The role of the Legal Profession Conduct Commissioner and the Legal Practitioners Disciplinary Tribunal

Practical advocacy skills

5. Witness preparation: civil and criminal
6. Written advocacy
7. Appellate advocacy
8. Expectations of a junior
9. Courtroom etiquette - dealing with difficult judges, opposing counsel, clients and witnesses (including bias applications)

Civil procedure units

10. Drawing Pleadings
11. Discovery, non-party discovery
12. Witness statements & Affidavits
13. Advices on evidence & legal opinions
14. Expert evidence
15. Interlocutory applications
16. Interlocutory injunctions
17. Mediation & drafting settlement documents
18. Costs, filed offers & Calderbank letters

Criminal procedure units

19. Taking & recording instructions
20. The role and duty of prosecutors (and police and other investigative agencies), & disclosure obligations
21. Rule 49 applications
22. Guilty pleas

23. Preparing for a criminal trial
24. Objections & tendering documents; sections 28 and 29 of the Evidence Act
25. Information technology forensics in criminal (and civil) matters
26. Dealing with the media

Introduction to courts, institutions and jurisdiction

27. Tribunal advocacy: South Australian Civil and Administrative Tribunal
28. Administrative Review Tribunal and Tribunal Advocacy
29. Magistrates' Court
30. Coroner's Court
31. Youth Court
32. South Australian Employment Court and Licensing Court
33. District Court and Environment, Resources and Development Court
34. District Court Masters' List & Notices to Admit
35. Supreme Court
36. Supreme Court Special Classification and Masters' List
37. Supreme Court Probate Division
38. Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia
39. Federal Court and Bankruptcy Jurisdiction
40. High Court of Australia and Special Leave Applications

Practice and Practice Management

41. Administrative and financial aspects of practice
42. Costs agreements and disclosure obligations
43. The Legal Services Commission and legal aid
44. Pro bono work and JusticeNet SA
45. Mental and physical health while at the Bar
46. Acting for and against regulators
47. The role of the Crown Solicitor (and appearing for and against the State)
48. ACCC, ASIC and Civil Penalty Matters

ADVOCACY ELEMENTS

Criminal

49. Feedback on Rule 49 written application
50. Oral Rule 49 application
- 50a. Criminal trial preparation session
51. Criminal trial (all aspects)
52. Guilty plea / sentencing submission

Civil, Family Law and Appellate

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