

COURTROOM TESTIMONY:

A PRACTICAL SKILLS WORKSHOP FOR POLICE AND OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT PROFESSIONALS



Testifying in Court can be very daunting. There is a lot riding on your performance. In one intensive day get the knowledge and practical skills you need to meet this challenge head on.

- Preparing for your day in court – what you need to know to make the most of your testimony
- Understanding the role of the Crown and what they can and can't do for you
- Strategies for mastering the direct examination
- Expert tips from experienced defence counsel on what to expect on cross examination

Plus! Don't miss the optional afternoon **Courtroom Testimony Skills Workshop** where you will have a unique opportunity to hone your testimony skills.

**Your testimony can
make or break a case.
Are you ready?**

A new and interactive
program led by **Detective
Kerry Watkins** of the
Toronto Police College

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Webcast Available for Morning Session

Chair

Detective Kerry Watkins
Toronto Police College

Location

Osgoode Professional Development
1 Dundas St. W., 26th Floor
Toronto, ON

Date and Times

Wednesday, April 27, 2016
Morning Session:
9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. EDT
Full Day: 9:00 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Fee Per Delegate

Morning Session Only: \$325 plus HST
Full Day: \$545 plus HST



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Testifying can be a highly stressful experience. In preparing for your day in court, giving evidence in direct examination or being fully prepared for the cross, it is crucial that you have the practical skills, knowledge and insight you need to testify effectively.

In this new, interactive *OsgoodePD* program, you will learn from an expert faculty of judges, Crown attorneys and defence counsel on what it takes to prepare for and provide bullet-proof testimony in court.

In an information packed morning session, drill down on the essentials of how to prepare and give evidence in court.

[Morning session is available by webcast.]

In the afternoon, the optional Courtroom Testimony Skills Workshop will provide you with a unique opportunity to further hone your testimony skills. Working from a realistic fact scenario, you'll have the opportunity to practice giving evidence in direct examination and also be subject to a cross-examination.

Benefit from the individualized feedback of Crown attorneys, defence counsel and judges with years of experience.

Space is strictly limited to ensure that each attendee receives the personal attention necessary to make the most of this extremely rare learning experience.

Both sessions will provide you with strategic insight and practical advice on how to maximize the quality and impact of your testimony.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Police (all officers and civilian members)
- Other Law Enforcement Professionals

Chair

Detective Kerry Watkins, *Toronto Police College*

Faculty

The Honourable Justice Lloyd Budzinski
Ontario Court of Justice

Julianna Greenspan
Partner, Greenspan Partners LLP

Allison MacPherson
Assistant Crown Attorney, Ministry of the Attorney General (Ontario)

Richard Stern
Barrister & Solicitor

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AGENDA - WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2016

8:30

Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00

Welcome and Introduction from the Chair

9:05

What the Crown Attorney Can and Can't Do For You

Understanding the relationship you have with the Crown is a key element of being fully prepared to testify in court. Failure to recognize the significance of that relationship and the obligations and limitations set upon the Crown can potentially jeopardize the effectiveness of your testimony. In this session, an experienced Crown Attorney will examine the roles of each party in the process. A general overview of the court system will also be provided.

10:00

How to Prepare For Your Day in Court

What do you need to do to ensure that you are adequately prepared to testify? Gain an in-depth understanding from a senior police instructor on what steps to take immediately when you've been called to court. Topics include:

- What are effective police notes and how to review them
- How to best review the evidence (videos, photographs, business documents, witness statements, victim statements and any statements given by the accused).
- Performing a walk through of the investigation and answering all of the important questions:
 - a) Why did I do what I did?
 - b) Why did I do it *when* I did it?
 - c) What was my authority for doing so?
- Meeting with the Crown attorney prior to the hearing to discuss the case and any potentially problematic issues.

10:45

Refreshment Break

11:00

How To Put Your Best Case Forward: Strategies for Succeeding on Direct and Surviving (and even winning) on Cross

In this session, you will hear from all parties involved in the process as they discuss best practices in giving evidence during direct examination and on cross-examination. An experienced Crown Attorney will outline key strategies for providing effective testimony during direct examination. You will also hear from defence counsel as they pull back the curtain to reveal how best to anticipate and handle different types of scenarios you may encounter on cross examination. The session will close with a judge's perspective on how to maximize the impact of your testimony.

12:30

Luncheon

1:30

Courtroom Testimony Skills Workshop (Optional)

In this hands-on, intensive workshop, you will have a valuable opportunity to hone your testimony skills and benefit from personalized feedback from an experienced faculty of judges, Crown attorneys and defence counsel. Using a criminal case fact scenario, you will break into small groups and participate in a hearing in which you will give evidence in direct examination and on cross-examination. Our expert faculty will provide you with feedback on a variety of topics, including:

- Effective communication techniques (word choice, composure, body language, etc.)
- Bad habits and how to avoid them
- Dealing with different types of defence counsel

You will leave with practical tips and strategies you can apply with confidence the next time you are required to testify in court.

NOTE: There will be a 15 minute break during this session.

WHAT PARTICIPANTS SAY ABOUT OSGOODEPD CRIMINAL LAW PROGRAMS:

*"PRESENTATIONS AND MATERIALS WERE
ALL EXTREMELY VALUABLE TO MY WORK."*

Law Enforcement Officer

*"ALL PRESENTERS WERE EXTREMELY
KNOWLEDGEABLE AND CLEARLY EXPERTS IN
THEIR RESPECTIVE FIELDS. OVERALL AN EXCELLENT
EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR ME."*

Law Enforcement Officer

*"A VERY THOROUGH PROGRAM! COMPLEX
TOPICS WERE MADE EASILY UNDERSTOOD."*

Municipal Police Officer

*"THE LATEST CASE LAW AND HOT
BUTTON ISSUES WERE EXCELLENT.
VERY RELEVANT TO CURRENT ISSUES."*

Regulatory Investigator

REGISTRATION

Courtroom Testimony: A Practical Skills Workshop for Police and other Law Enforcement Professionals

I will attend:

☐ Morning Only:

☐ On site ☐ Via webcast (single viewer only)

☐ Full Day (Morning & Workshop - On-site Only)

☐ Online Replay (May 27, 2016)

Fee Per Delegate

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Group discount: Register 4 members of the same organization at the same time, and receive 25% off each registration fee.

Fees include attendance, program materials, continental breakfast, lunch and break refreshments. Group discounts are available. Visit www.osgoodepd.ca for details. Please inquire about financial assistance.



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Eligible CPD/MCLE hours:

Morning Session Only: LSUC (ON): 3.5 CPD Hours
(2.75 Substantive, 0.75 Professionalism);

Full Day: LSUC (ON): 6.75 CPD Hours
(6.0 Substantive, 0.75 Professionalism)

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Substitution of registrants is permitted at any time. If you are unable to find a substitute, a full refund (less \$75 administration fee) is available if a cancellation request is received in writing 5 days prior to the program date. No other refund is available.

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Please arrive a half hour early for sign-in and material pick-up.
Dress is business casual.



4 Convenient Ways to Register

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