



European Judicial Training Network



JTM 2nd Seminar
“Judge craft across Europe”
October 12th – 13th, 2015

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A feature that unifies all EU judges is the similarity of the skills they require to do the job. Common training in judicial skills and judge craft will not only improve their individual abilities but also help to build mutual confidence and trust among EU judges and to foster a genuine European judicial culture. The aim of this seminar is to design an outline programme for a new seminar to be called "the European Craft of Judging". The starting point for the design process will be "The business of judging", a seminar already delivered in UK (England and Wales) and an example of best training practice according to the recent "best practice" study. How far can this principle be adapted and enlarged to meet the needs of all European judges? Target audience: This seminar is aimed at judicial educators.

Monday October 12th, 2015

Presenters

Judge Margarida Maria Costa Reis Abreu , Portugal

Ms. Michelle Austin, UK

Judge Peter de Beer, The Netherlands

Judge Leslie Cuthbert, UK

Professor Judge Jeremy Cooper, UK

Judge Kim van der Kraats, The Netherlands

Judge John Phillips, UK

Judge Francisco Mota Ribeiro, Portugal

Introducing the Business of Judging

09.00 – 09.30 **Welcome / Opening by Hosting Institution and EJTN
Introduction**

09.30 – 10.00 **Assessing reliability:** *Judge Leslie Cuthbert*

- 10.00 – 11.30 Workshops – Round 1: each group will be composed of 8 participants and will rotate after the closing of the session:
- 1) **Conduct and ethics**
 - 2) **Situations in court**
 - 3) **Assessing credibility**
- 11.30 – 11.45 *Coffee break*
- 11.45 – 13.15 Workshops – Round 2: each group will be composed of 8 participants and will rotate after the closing of the session:
- 1) **Conduct and ethics**
 - 2) **Situations in court**
 - 3) **Assessing credibility**
- 13.15 – 14.00 *Lunch break* (within the premises of the Judicial Academy)
- 14.00 – 15.00 Resilience (Plenary): *Ms. Michelle Austin*
- 15.00 – 16.30 Workshops – Round 3: each group will be composed by 8 participants and will rotate after the closing of the session:
- 1) **Conduct and ethics**
 - 2) **Situations in court**
 - 3) **Assessing credibility**
- 16.30 – 16.45 *Coffee break*
- 16.45 – 17.15 **Assessing credibility:** *Judge John Phillips*
- 17.15 – 17.30 Plenary and closing of the first seminar's day
- 19.30 *Dinner (in a Restaurant)*

Tuesday October 13th, 2015

Planning Judgecraft Across Europe

- 09.00 – 10.00 Three Groups of 8 with Tutors divided across the Groups.
- a) **Analysis of Benefits of a pan European Course;**
 - b) **Discussion of Specific Challenges and Problems that may arise in the Planning and Delivery of a pan European Course.**

- 10.00 – 10.30 Feedback to Plenary: *Prof Judge Cooper and Judge John Phillips*
- 10.30 – 10.45 *Coffee Break*
- 10.45 – 11.45 **Snowball Session – The Purpose of this Session is to Design the Methodology and Content of a Pan European Judge craft Course**
- Session one:** 20 min
1st group – 6 people
2nd group – 6 people
3rd group – 6 people
4th group – 6 people
- Session two:** 20 min
1st group – 12 people
2nd group – 12 people
- Session three:** 15 min
1 group – 24 people
- Facilitators: *Judge Margarida Maria Costa Reis Abreu and Judge Peter de Beer*
- 11.45 – 12.30 **Summing up and Conclusions**
- 12.30 Closing of the seminar
- 12.40/13.00 **Departure of the shuttle bus for the Vienna airport.*



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