

HALF DAY COURSE • 3 CPD POINTS

Duty Solicitor Refresher

presented by **MATTHEW HICKLING**

This course is designed to provide duty solicitors with a practice and skills refresher. With a combined focus on police station attendances and first hearings in the Magistrates' court, the course will analyse common problem areas and pitfalls in general criminal practice. The course is backed up by comprehensive notes that include relevant developments in the practice of a duty solicitor. In particular the course will consider:

- Police disclosure – verbal, written and audio: how much is enough?
- Diversions – making the most of a regime in chaos
- Practical issues – interpreters, confidentiality and privilege
- The right to silence – why has it been silent?
- Prosecution disclosure – charging decisions and bail issues
- Case progression – making sense of the rules and applying them
- Sentencing – crafting an effective plea using the guidelines

This course will include the compulsory two hours of accredited training required by duty solicitors and accredited representatives.

Matthew Hickling combines energy and passion for his subject with quality information, commentary and analysis – book today for a half day very well spent!



MATTHEW HICKLING is a solicitor and freelance legal training consultant who began his career with the West Mercia Police Force, rising to Head of Fraud Squad before becoming the CID's Training Officer. After qualifying and running his own practice he returned to training consultancy work. Matthew lectures widely on criminal law and practice for general practitioners; essential criminal practice skills for commercial and regulatory lawyers; professional skills; professional ethics and advocacy.



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'He has the uncanny ability to identify the major issues concerning those attending the course'

'Excellent speaker - engaging and interesting'

13 September
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22 September
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27 September
LONDON

COURSE TIMINGS

Registration: 1.30 pm

Seminar: 1.45 pm to 5 pm

REGISTRATION FEE

£138 plus VAT
PER DELEGATE

£120 plus VAT
PER DELEGATE
for one firm booking two
or more delegates