

SAMLA Faculty Announcement!

Practical Training Workshops in Medico-Legal Practice – 2019 and 2020

Dear Colleagues,

Please read this information carefully before ticking any boxes!

SAMLA is planning a Comprehensive Series of Practical Training Workshops in Medico-Legal Practice, to build on the learning of our Foundations Course.

Each workshop will consist of 3 components – (a) one or two full day live interactive events, which will include lectures and discussions as in the Foundations Course; (b) a practical assignment to be completed in syndicate groups; and (c) a report-back and discussion full day live interactive event.

The full day live interactive events will be conducted in 5 main venues, connected by video conferencing as in the Foundations Course, plus the facility for participants who are remote from the 5 main centres to dial in individually or in smaller groups.

CPD points will be awarded for attendance at each of the workshops. Workshops will start early in 2019 and be concluded at the end of 2020, with generally 1 full day live interactive event per month for 2 years.

The following workshops are planned for 2019.

1. Traumatic Brain Injury (2 Days plus assignment to write a topic specific report)
2. Psychological Consequences, Emotional Shock and Constitutional Damages. Monetary and Non-Monetary Compensation (2 Days plus assignment to write a topic specific report)
3. RAF 4 Assessment and Recommendations (3 Days plus assignment to write a topic specific report)
4. Cerebral Palsy ((2 Days plus assignment to write a topic specific report)
5. Mediation (2 Days plus assignment to write a mediation case study)

The following workshops are planned for 2020.

6. Pre-Trial Procedures – Case Management (3 Days plus assignment to write a litigation case management plan)
7. Report-Writing (2 Days plus assignment to write a high level and bullet proof report)
8. The Structure and Functioning of the Judicial System: Curatorship, Trusts and Case Management Post-Trial (2 Days plus assignment to write a disabled person case management plan)
9. Expert Joint Minutes (2 Days plus assignment to write a joint minute)
10. Trial Procedures and Trials (3 Days with Mock Trials and Discussions - plus assignment to write a judgment)

Important information:

- 1) The full series of workshops, 1 through 10, is designed for medico-legal practitioners who represent clients or write reports for Court, and who may appear in Court. Provision will also be made for practitioners with a more limited interest in medico-legal practice. Three options will be provided:
 - a) Option 1 – Comprehensive series of 10 workshops.
 - b) Option 2 – Limited RAF4 series of 3 workshops, nl 1, 2 and 3.
 - c) Option 3 – Any one or more of workshops 1 through 5.

- 2) All practitioners (from the fields of law, healthcare sciences and/or mediation), irrespective of having completed the Foundations Course in 2018, may register for any one or more of workshops 1 through 5. For these workshops participants will be awarded CPD points.

- 3) Practitioners interested in RAF4 assessments and reports only, are advised to register for workshops 1, 2 and 3. The content of workshops 1 and 2 will contain important information relevant to sound RAF4 serious injury assessment. Workshop 3 will not duplicate any of the AMA Guides WPI training, but will focus on the Narrative Test, as well as legal- and other implications. For this series participants will be awarded CPD points plus a Certificate of Completion in RAF4 Serious Injury Assessment.

- 4) In order to register for workshops 6 through 10, practitioners will need to have successfully completed the Foundations Course, as well as all of the Workshops 1 through 5. Those who did not attend the Foundations Course in 2018 will have the opportunity to do the online version of the Foundations Course in 2019 prior to registration for workshops 6 through 10. Participants who successfully complete the whole series of Workshops, 1 through 10, will be awarded CPD points plus a Certificate of Completion in Medico-Legal Practice.

- 5) Final costings for workshops will depend on the number of registrations. More information in this regard will be communicated when available. Attendees registering and paying in advance for all 5 workshops in 2019, and/or for all 5 workshops in 2020, will receive a discount. Paid up SAMLA members will also receive a discount. Attendees who wish to pay periodically, rather than in advance, will need to pay at least 3 weeks prior to each workshop, space permitting.

Please feel free to share this announcement with interested colleagues.

Sincerely, Herman Edeling (SAMLA Faculty)