

NSW Government Solicitors' Induction Training

Video package

The CSO's video package comprises recordings of our NSW Government Solicitors' Induction training sessions, which introduce lawyers new to the NSW Government sector to key public law concepts, processes and NSW legislation.

The videos span all CPD fields (substantive law, ethics and professional responsibility, practice management and business skills, and professional skills).

If these sessions extend your knowledge and skills in areas that are relevant to your practice needs or professional development, then you may be able to claim 1 CPD unit for each hour of private study of audio/visual material.

What you get Access to the CSO's video library of NSW Government Solicitors' Induction training recordings (approx. 1 hour duration each).

Please note that the CSO may remove or add videos at any time, to ensure that content remains current and relevant.

Cost

Individual access
\$150 per person, plus GST

Group access
\$680 for 5 or more people, plus GST

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Videos

1. Courtroom basics

This session is designed to give new lawyers confidence in appearing in courts and tribunals.

Presenters: Kiri Mattes, Principal Solicitor; Sophie Williams, Solicitor Advocate.

Recorded in 2023.

2. Managing mental health as a NSW Government lawyer

Hear some insights from a panel of CSO solicitors and tips from a mental health expert on managing wellbeing while working as a government lawyer.

Panellists: Patrick Mullane, A/Director; Aleksandra Jez, Senior Solicitor; a consultant from FBG Group (organisational and employee wellbeing specialists).

Chairperson: Naomi Malhotra, Assistant Crown Solicitor.

Recorded in 2023.

3. Advice writing in practice

This session will help you put into practice what you learned in the previous session, 'An introduction to advice writing'. You are expected to have completed 'An introduction to advice writing' prior to joining us for this practical session.

Extend your new advice writing skills by engaging with practical scenarios that reflect real-world experience. Consider approaches to commonly encountered issues and provide input to problem solving exercises.

Facilitators: Michael Granziera, A/Assistant Crown Solicitor; Nicholas Borger, Principal Solicitor.

Recorded in 2023.

4. Subpoenas and public interest immunity

Understand the practical steps involved in responding to a subpoena for production or notice to produce. Learn what you need to consider, including the scope of the subpoena, whether the subpoena displays a legitimate forensic purpose or is oppressive, and whether privilege or public interest immunity arises.

Presenters: Penny Csenderits, Director; Raphael Hudson, Senior Solicitor.

Recorded in 2022.

5. An introduction to advice writing

Understand how to approach a request for advice and deliver written material that is clear, concise and client focussed.

Presenters: Michael Granziera, Director; Nicholas Borger, Senior Solicitor.

Recorded in 2022.

6. Courtroom basics (advocacy)

Learn how to prepare to appear in simple mentions and applications in NSW Courts and Tribunals, including how to deal with common problems and how to avoid them.

Presenters: Amay Tembe, Solicitor Advocate; Kathleen Zielinski, Solicitor Advocate; Christopher Frommer, Principal Solicitor.

Recorded in 2022.

7. Overview of NSW Government and the role of a government lawyer (panel discussion)

Understand the way in which the NSW Government is organised, the purpose of each branch of government, the concept of the Crown and accountability requirements.

Explore the role of a government lawyer and the NSW government policies that apply to a government lawyer's practice.

Learn how to respond to legal issues commonly encountered by government lawyers including the receipt of subpoenas and third-party claims.

Panellists: Jodi Denehy, Director; Nick Mitrevski, Director; Sarah-jane Morris, Director; Karen Smith, Crown Solicitor.

Recorded in 2021.

8. Ethics and Model Litigant Policy

Understand the expectations of ethical behaviour by government agencies in the conduct of litigation, including maintaining client legal privilege.

Explore other common ethical issues for government lawyers, including managing conflicts of interest.

Presenter: Richard Kelly, Director.

Recorded in 2021.

9. The legislative process

Understand the process for making laws in NSW, including regulations.

Presenter: Abbie Hartley, Parliamentary Counsel's Office.

Recorded in 2021.

10. Statutory interpretation

Understand key principles of statutory interpretation and engage with interpretive issues frequently encountered by government lawyers.

Presenter: Sarah-jane Morris, Director.

Recorded in 2021.

11. Government information sharing

Explore the key legal requirements that apply to privacy, access to government information, public interest disclosures and orders for papers by the Legislative Council.

Presenters: Tom Chisholm, Principal Solicitor; Kiri Mattes, Principal Solicitor; Tram Nguyen, Senior Solicitor.

Recorded in 2021.

12. Government sector legislation

Understand the NSW legislative frameworks for public finance, government procurement, employment in the public sector and government records.

Presenters: Michael Granziera, Director; Marina Rizzo, Director; Karen Ferris, Principal Solicitor.

Recorded in 2021.

13. Sources of power and decision-making

Explore the different sources of power available to government agencies and who can use them.

Understand the parameters of decision-making and the framework for review of decisions.

Presenter: Dr Amanda Sapienza, Senior Solicitor.

Recorded in 2021.