

I am writing to you as one with a keen interest in the training of expert witnesses and would like to see the development of codes of practice for expert witnesses as recommended by the Law Reform Commission. I am acknowledged as one of those who was of assistance to the LRC in its Report on Consolidation and Reform of Aspects of the Law of Evidence (published January 2017). In 2016 my presentation The Engineer as an Expert Witness was shortlisted for an excellence award by Engineers Ireland in the best presentation category.

I have since developed this into a seven hour CPD event and am a Registered Training provider for this. See link below:

<http://www.engineersireland.ie/CPD-Training/CPD-Training/Registered-Training-Provider/John-T-Garrett-Associates/The-Engineer-as-an-Expert-Witness.aspx>

I have attached above the programme for the event and see a wonderful opportunity to use this to host round table discussions in order to gather ideas for what should be included in a code of practice. I see this as having a dual benefit of embedding what has been learned during the course of the CPD event in the minds of attendees and help to draft a code of practice.

I would be interested to know if the review group proposes to develop codes of practice for expert witnesses and whether what I am proposing would be of assistance to the review group.