

FORENSIC INTERVIEWER AT TRIAL

This course is designed for teams of two, consisting of one attorney and one forensic interviewer. Teams will learn to work together in preparation for a child abuse trial. The course combines lectures and practical court exercises to enhance the ability of the forensic interviewer and prosecutor or civil child protection attorney to defend the forensic interview and multidisciplinary team investigation from attacks by the defense.

DAY ONE

8:30-9 a.m.	Welcome and introductions
9-10:30 a.m.	Child abuse interviews - an overview
10:30-10:45 a.m.	Break
10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	Testifying in court
12:15-1:15 p.m.	Lunch break
1:15-2:45 p.m.	Observe forensic interview
2:45-3:00 p.m.	Break
3:00-4:30 p.m.	Evaluating children's interview statements
4:30-5 p.m.	Team meetings/Witness preparation

DAY TWO

8-9:30 a.m.	Current research
9:30-9:40 a.m.	Exercise overview
9:40-9:55 a.m.	Break
9:55-11:55 a.m.	Workshop: Forensic interviewer direct exam (exercise)
11:55 a.m.-1:05 p.m.	Lunch break
1:05-3:05 p.m.	Workshop: Forensic interviewer cross examination (exercise)
3:05- 3:20 p.m.	Break
3:20-4:50 p.m.	The forensic interviewer as an expert witness
4:50-5 p.m.	Review & wrap-up

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" Best course I've attended since graduating from law school. "

" I really enjoyed the excerpts from transcripts and the way Victor Vieth would demonstrate how the questioning would actually go. "

" Best part of the training was knowing better about updated research that I can use during court as well as explaining drawings, dolls and new techniques. "

" ...learning skills through lecture and then actually getting a chance to role-play skills taught. "

" Great detail with specific references we can take back for use in our local jurisdictions. "

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DAY THREE

8-9:30 a.m.	When the smoke clears: Cross-examination of the expert and non-expert witness
9:30-9:45 a.m.	Break
9:45-11:30 a.m.	Workshop: Redirect of the forensic interviewer (exercise)
11:30 a.m.-12:35 p.m.	Lunch break
12:35-2:05 p.m.	Corroborating the forensic interviewer
2:05-2:20 p.m.	Break
2:20-4:30 p.m.	Workshop: Cross examination of the expert witness (exercise)
4:40-5 p.m.	Course debriefing and closing remarks