

The Actuary in the Courtroom

Agenda

- **The law**
- **The courtroom**
- **The players**
- **Expert witnesses**
- **Preliminaries**
- **Attendance**
- **Types of cases**



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The Law

- **Protection of life and property**
- **Separation**
- **Adversarial / inquisitorial**
- **Lawyers responsible to Court**
- **Levels of proof**
 - Criminal
 - Civil



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The Courtroom

- **Bench**
- **Bar table**
- **Gallery**
- **Witness box**
- **Recorder**
- **Atmosphere**



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The players

- **Plaintiff(s)**
- **Defendant(s)**
- **Judge's team**
- **Counsel team**
- **Witnesses**
 - Factual
 - Expert



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Expert Witnesses

- **Responsible to Court**
- **Truth, whole truth and nothing but the truth**
- **Room for opinion**
- **Rules**
- **Clarity**



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Preliminaries

- **Discussions**
- **Collect information**
- **Perform calculations**
- **Sensitivity analyses**
- **Report**
- **Affidavit**



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Normal report layout

- **Introduction (including opinion)**
- **Recite Facts**
- **Underlying law**
- **Methodology**
- **Assumption**
- **Sensitivity analysis**



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Expert report headings

- **Reasons for conclusions**
- **Methodology**
- **Qualification and experience**
- **External materials**
- **Facts**
- **Reliances**



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Expert report headings

- **Range of opinion**
- **Summary of conclusions**
- **Disclosures**



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Attendance

- **On arrival**
- **The oath/ affirmation**
- **Examination**
- **Cross examination**
- **Re examination**
- **Judge's interruptions**
- **Use of equipment**



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Types of cases

- **Family law**
 - Superannuation
 - Inheritances
- **Inheritance**
- **Accident compensation**
- **Worker's compensation**
- **Disputes with lenders**
- **Other disputes**



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Questions & discussion



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