



Impartial, independent expertise for Justice

Personal Membership



“We are delighted to be partnering with the EWI, an organisation for whom we have great respect. Both the judiciary and medical royal colleges have highlighted the value of focussed training and CPD for expert witnesses. The EWI have a great track record in delivering this and beyond that they provide a forum for networking, advice and a voice for the expert witness community. Their approach complements the support we offer to the expert witnesses on our panel, who strive for excellence in their work.”

MAPS Medical Reporting

Who are we?

The Expert Witness Institute is the voice of the Expert Witness community; championing experts from all professional disciplines and the lawyers who use their services.

Our mission is to support the proper administration of justice and the early resolution of disputes through high-quality expert evidence from specialists.

Why Join?

As a member, you will benefit from:



Profile,
Status and
Recognition



Training,
Information,
Advice, and
Guidance



Networking
and
connecting
with your
expert witness
community



Advocacy on
the issues
that matter
to you



Discounts
and other
benefits



“Thank you so much for your assistance. I am so pleased I joined the EWI, it has been incredibly helpful.”
Clinical Psychologist

Who can Join?

The Expert Witness Institute supports individuals from a diverse range of professions and offers several membership categories designed for new and experienced expert witness and those who are interested in this field.

You can join at any stage of your career. The main levels are based on the level of experience a member has.

Prospective

- For those just starting out as an expert witness who have not completed core training.
- Become part of the Expert Witness Community
- Discounts on Training
- Once completed Core Training – upgrade to....

Provisional

- For those who are new to being an expert witness, have completed core training, and would benefit from the support of more experienced Members in providing advice on all aspects of being an expert
- Listed on Directory as a Provisional member
- Mentoring available from Fellows/Experienced Members
- Gain experience of being an Expert Witness then upgrade to....

Full

- For experienced practising experts who are looking to expand their practice and distinguish themselves as the best in their field
- Listed on Directory as Full Member
- Use of EWI Full Member Logo and postnominals MEWI

Certified

- For experienced practising experts who can demonstrate excellence in report writing, discussions between experts, giving oral evidence in court and their commitment to professional development
- Certified Expert Witnesses appear at the top of all search results on the EWI Directory
- Use of the postnominals MEWI (Cert) or FEWI (Cert) (if you become a Fellow of the Institute) and gain 15 SCQF Credit Points at SCQF Level 11 (Masters Level)

Profile, Status and Recognition

- The **Find an Expert Directory** on our website provides solicitors seeking experts in your specialty with your name and contact details. All Provisional, Full, Certified, Fellow, and Certified Fellow members receive a full website entry in the online Directory. Entries include a personal profile, full contact details and a photograph
- Full, Certified and Fellow Members can use the designated **EWI Member logo on your website and letterhead** to indicate that you have met the technical, legal and quality standards for EWI membership.
- Full and higher-grade membership levels can use the **EWI post nominals** signifying increased credibility.



“Having a busy common law practice, I regularly need the assistance of experts from a wide variety of fields. The Expert Witness Institute is always my first port of call. The experts that my clients have instructed after suggestions by the Expert Witness Institute have invariably been of tremendous assistance.”

Barrister

Training and Development

- Free access to our competency framework
- Training and events to support development of core competencies and ongoing development of your practice
- Free access to a selection of pre-recorded webinars
- Ongoing updates on legislative changes

Our core competency framework for Expert Witnesses sets out the attributes, knowledge, and skills that experts must develop if they wish to act as an Expert Witness.

“When an expert gives their opinion well it has a devastating impact on the outcome of a trial, so they shouldn’t underestimate the importance of their evidence and the importance of getting it right.”

*Her Honour Judge Anuja Dhir KC
speaking at an EWI Conference*



“Thank you for an amazing introduction. I have attended a few such courses over my 50+ year career. You have the knack, and it’s a wry unique skill, of making the law interesting for students and communicating the messaging extremely well.”

Shipping & Oil expert

Information, Advice and Guidance

- Free and unlimited expert advice via member helpline and our FAQs
- Monthly e-Newsletter and Bi-Annual Member Magazine
- Free templates and access to essential documentation
- Guides for members
- Case updates

Mentoring

- Mentoring for those new to Expert Witness work



"I found the 'year review' very useful for learning, particularly the links to the cases where the judge has been critical of expert witnesses."

GP

"I have access to a great variety of benefits, including targeted training and the opportunity to be mentored by a Fellow of the EWI."

They are a great source of experience, especially in ones first few cases."

Senior Trainee in Obstetrics & Gynaecology



Networking and Advocacy

- **Networking opportunities** at EWI events
- Ability to **shape EWI work/services** through joining a committee or the Board
- Ability to feed into responses and work with EWI in **lobbying key stakeholders** in matters of common interest

The EWI

- ▢ Acts as a voice for expert witnesses, especially in communicating with the media
- ▢ Makes representations to Government and other key stakeholders
- ▢ Works actively with other allied professional bodies and key stakeholders
- ▢ Raises the profile of the EWI in the legal community and encourages lawyers to make use of experts wherever specialised knowledge is required
- ▢ Works with international partners to support projects which add value to our work and our members



“I am very happy to be part of an institute whose purpose it is to support expert witnesses, provide expert services and lobby key organisations on our behalf.”

Occupational Therapist

Other Member Benefits

Members of the Expert Witness Institute who are either permanent residents of the UK or own a UK registered entity have access to Professional Indemnity Insurance at favourable rates on a scheme designed specifically for Expert Witnesses.

Discounts or preferential rates on

- EWI training courses, workshops and events including the Annual Conference
- Credit Control, Debt Recovery, Business Contracts
- Laptops, desktops and accessories and access to tech advice & other benefits for members
- Books
- Hotel stays

The Expert Witness Institute is an HMRC approved professional body under Section 344 of the Income Tax (Earnings & Pensions) Act 2003. If you are a UK taxpayer and pay your own membership fees, you may be entitled to claim tax back on your subscription fee.



**“The member rates for
Professional Indemnity
Insurance are exceptional
compared to standard quotes I
have received.”**

Chartered Engineer

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- 📞 **Call the team:** 020 3880 0064
- ✉ **Email us:** membership@ewi.org.uk

Not sure which membership level is right for you?

Our Core Competency Framework includes an assessment tool – try it now!

You can download this for free when you register on our website at: **www.ewi.org.uk/corecompetencies**

Alternatively, and particularly if you have not yet worked as an Expert Witness, why not book our popular “Expert Essentials” webinar. This serves as a great introduction or refresher to everything you'll need to know about your work as an Expert Witness. Or get in touch with the team at **membership@ewi.org.uk**

Full details of the requirements for each level and application and membership fees can be found at:
www.ewi.org.uk/Membership



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