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SESSION 130

Introduction to the Court Room - A Legal Primer for Doctors

This talk will focus on the role of a doctor subpoenaed to testify as a Crown witness in a criminal trial. It is my hope that this talk will help to ease anxieties for doctors who have never been subpoenaed to testify before and are unfamiliar with the trial process.

Participant will learn about:

1. The types of criminal cases for which a doctor might be required to give testimony.
2. Distinctions between eyewitness testimony and expert testimony.
3. How to gather information after receiving a subpoena, in order to prepare for trial.
4. Basic courtroom procedure, with explanations of the roles of Crown counsel, defense counsel, and the judge.
5. The types of questions asked during direct examination and cross-examination.