

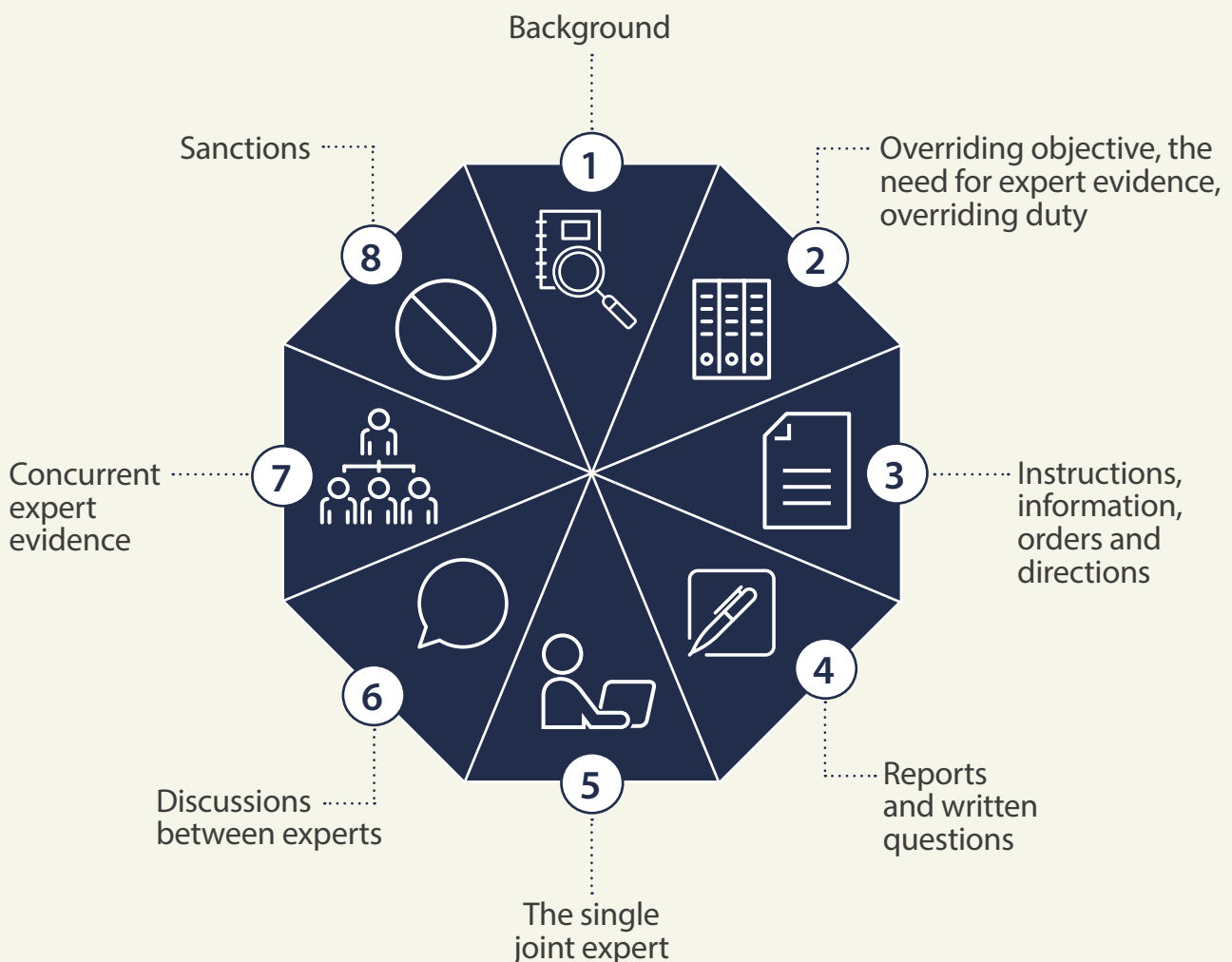
# Introduction to Civil Procedure Rules for Expert Witnesses

E-learning Course | 6 hours of CPD/CME | £195+VAT

This e-learning course provides expert witnesses with all the essential knowledge they require to comply with the Civil Procedure Rules (England and Wales) to satisfy both instructing solicitors and the courts.

## How does this e-learning package work?

For ease of study, this training package is divided into eight manageable modules:



The package consists of videos, comprehensive source materials, detailed explanatory notes and knowledge checks.

On successful completion of the study and tests, the expert is sent the **Bond Solon Introduction to Civil Procedure Rules Certificate** to evidence their required awareness of the Rules. Experts can then insert the following paragraph in their reports:

*"I am aware of the requirements of Part 35 and Practice Direction 35, the Protocol for the Instruction of Experts to Give Evidence in Civil Claims and the Practice Direction on pre-action conduct. I have obtained the Bond Solon Introduction to Civil Procedure Rules Certificate to evidence my understanding and compliance of the above requirements."*



In addition, experts will be supplied with a **Bond Solon Introduction to Civil Procedure Rules Certificate logo** which they can insert on their CVs, websites, social media accounts, reports and marketing material.



### Benefits of the e-learning package

- Ease of study. You can complete the training in your own time at your own pace.
- Demonstrate to instructing parties that you have a comprehensive understanding of Civil Procedure Rule 35, Practice Direction 35 and the Guidance, allowing you to sign the Declaration of Awareness with confidence.
- Comply with the expert witness training requirements laid out by the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges (medical experts only)
- Solicitors will have more confidence in instructing you and this will assist you in gaining more instruction.
- Differentiates you from other experts within the same field.
- Counts as 6 hours CPD/CME.
- Training managers will be able to access a complete audit trail of when their experts have completed the programme.
- The cost of this educational package is tax deductible.
- Holders of the Cardiff University Bond Solon (CUBS) Civil Expert Witness Certificate will be eligible for discounted rates on the Introduction to Civil Procedure Rules Certificate.

### **Why all experts in civil matters should complete this e-learning course?**

In their reports, expert witnesses are required to sign a Statement of Truth, a Declaration that they are aware of Civil Procedure Rule 35, Practice Direction 35 and the Guidance, and a statement that they have complied with their duty to the Court in their reports. If called to give evidence, they could be cross-examined on their understanding of the Rules. Expert Witnesses therefore cannot sign those declarations without reading and fully understanding CPR35, PD35 and the Guidance.

The Courts are increasingly vigilant at ensuring that expert witnesses fully understand and fulfil their duty to the court, and all their obligations under the Civil Procedure Rules. They have taken serious action against those

experts who have failed to do so, including criticism in the final judgement, making costs orders against the expert witness and considering ordering imprisonment for contempt of court. Instructing parties also require evidence that expert witnesses have a full understanding of the Rules and know how to comply with them.

This e-learning package conveniently and economically provides experts with all the knowledge required to comply with the Civil Procedure Rules. Completion of the training also enables experts to demonstrate their understanding of the rules to solicitors and the courts.

### **Contributor**

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