A lecture has been arranged by Engineers Ireland (Civil Division)

The Key Role and Duties of the Expert Witness
Monday, 26th September at 6:30 pm,
Engineers Ireland, 22 Clyde Road, Dublin 4

Background; Engineers and other professionals continue to be involved in matters of litigation both in terms of their own professional involvement on projects as well as performing a separate role in assisting as an expert witness in court and arbitrations. Given that litigation is a frequent means of pursuing redress arising from disputes, engineers should be aware of their responsibilities when giving evidence as well as what the court expects of an Expert Witness.

This presentation will explain the role and duties of the Expert Witness. Key aspects of the Law Reform Commission’s Consultation Paper on Expert Evidence (LRC CP 52 - 2008) will be considered in anticipation of the LRC report due to be published later this year. The presentation will demonstrate how to write an excellent report and describe the preparation necessary by the Expert prior to giving evidence in court. It will demonstrate skills necessary to remain in control and deal with cross-examination confidently and professionally.

This lecture will provide an important insight to all professional engineers, particularly those at an early stage in their careers who may be requested to act as an Expert Witness, or who may alternatively be required to provide evidence in defense.

About the speaker:

Mr. John Garrett, Chartered Engineer.
John Garrett is a Chartered Engineer and Fellow of Engineers Ireland, he is Director of John T. Garrett & Associates in Limerick. With over 30 years experience he has given evidence as an Expert Witness in civil action court cases and arbitrations on many occasions throughout his career. He is a member of the Engineers Ireland Panel of Conciliators and is currently Chairman of the Thomond Region of Engineers Ireland.

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