



**NORTHERN CIRCUIT ADVOCACY COMMITTEE INTERNATIONAL EXPERT WITNESS  
TRAINING 15 – 17 MAY 2026 – LANCASTER BOOKING INVITATION**

This exceptional course is being run by the Northern Circuit at the Lancaster House Hotel over the weekend of May 15th - 17th 2026. The Circuit has forged close links with the Royal College of Psychiatrists to provide a first-rate training package for all practitioners whose area of practice includes the handling of expert evidence. Now in its 15th year, the course has gained international recognition and is something of which the Circuit is rightly proud.

The venue will once again be the Lancaster House Hotel, Lancaster. Participants are expected to arrive after work on Friday and may expect to depart on Sunday at 1pm.

The trainers include judiciary, silks and trainers from the Northern Circuit, South Africa and Scotland.

The role of the experts will be taken by qualified psychiatrists, with case preparation, conferences, speeches and witness handling all explored within the setting of Civil, Criminal and Family jurisdictions.

The course is heavily subsidised by Circuit with the cost for members of £250 which includes accommodation, meals and use of the hotel facilities during your stay. Non-Members £350.

Here are some quotes from the feedback from last year's course:

*"The course was superb; I really enjoyed the experience and am very grateful to the trainers, psychiatrists and trainees who attended and made it such an enjoyable and informative weekend. What a fantastic learning opportunity!"*

*"I really enjoyed this weekend, not just because Circuit events are always full of friendly folk and it's a good social event (!) but because it was very informative, and it is always beneficial to get feedback on advocacy!"*

*"Thoroughly enjoyed the course and found it very useful"*

*"The venue was brilliant, lovely location, the food and rooms were fantastic - the pool and gym facilities were an added bonus!"*

We look forward to your support and to seeing you in May.

**Christopher Melton KC**  
**Course Lead**