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### **Trial Advocacy Training for State Counsel**

The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) completed a third three-day Trial Advocacy Training Course last weekend.

The course was conducted by three International Advocacy Training Council (IATC) accredited advocacy teachers, Mr Chow Wee from Malaysia, Mr Giles Surman from Hong Kong and Assistant Director of Public Prosecutions Mr Michael Delaney from 14-16 October 2016 in Suva.

This is part of the ODPP's continuing commitment to raise the standards of criminal trial advocacy in Fiji.

The advocacy training is based on the Hampel Method. The Hampel Method is used by the Bar Council of England and Wales, the Hong Kong Bar Association, the Malaysian Bar Council, the Bar Council of Ireland, the Australian Bar Association, the New Zealand Bar Association and the General Council of the Bar of South Africa to train their barristers.

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*NB: Photos attached*

19 October 2016



*Back (L-R): ODPP Legal Officers Mr Timoci Qalinauci, Ms Pauline Madanavosa, Mr Yogesh Prasad, Mr Sekonaia Vodokisolomone, Ms Jayneeta Prasad, Ms Swastika Sharma, Ms Sujata Lodhia and Mr Saif Shah. Front (L-R) Assistant Director of Public Prosecutions Mr Mosese Korovou, International Advocacy Training Council (IATC) accredited advocacy teachers Mr Chow Wee, Mr Giles Surman and Assistant Director of Public Prosecutions Mr Michael Delaney.*



*(L-R) Legal Officers Mr Timoci Qalinauci, Ms Sujata Lodhia, Assistant Director of Public Prosecutions Mr Mosese Korovou, Ms Swastika Sharma and Mr Saif Shah with their IATC certificates.*

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*(L-R) Assistant Director of Public Prosecutions Mr Michael Delaney, Mr Giles Surman, Director of Public Prosecutions Mr Christopher Pryde and Mr Chow Wee.*

*The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions is an independent office established under section 117 of the 2013 Fijian Constitution. The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions is motivated by the principle that it is in the interests of justice that the guilty be brought to justice and the innocent are not wrongly convicted.*

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