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### **ODPP COMPLETES FINAL TRIAL ADVOCACY TRAINING FOR 2017**

The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) successfully completed its fourth and final trial advocacy training for the year on Saturday (04.11.17) at the Suva High Court.

The advocacy training was for new practitioners from the ODPP as well as for practitioners from the Private Bar.

This was a three day training which began on Monday (30 October 2017) with theory classes and continued on Friday and Saturday (3-4 November 2017) at the Suva High Court with practical exercises designed to equip prosecutors with trial preparation and advocacy skills at the bar table.

The ODPP 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.

It was facilitated by International Advocacy Training Council accredited trainers and ODPP Principal Legal Officers Ms Seini Puamau, Ms Jayneeta Prasad, Ms Pauline Madanavosa and Mr Sekonaia Vodokisolomone together with Assistant Director of Public Prosecutions Mr Michael Delaney.

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*NB: Pictures attached below*



*Principal Legal Officer Ms Jayneeta Prasad addressing participants from the ODPP and the Private Bar during the theory class on Monday (30.10.17) at ODPP headquarters, Suva.*



*Principal Legal Officers Mr Sekonaia Vodokisolomone and Ms Seini Puamau with participants during the practical exercise on Friday (03.11.17) at the Suva High Court.*



*Assistant Director of Public Prosecutions, Mr Michael Delaney addressing participants during the practical exercise on Friday (03.11.17) at the Suva High Court.*



*Participants from the ODPP and the Private Bar during the practical exercise on Saturday (04.11.17) at the Suva High Court.*



*Back row (L-R) Assistant Director of Public Prosecutions Mr Michael Delaney, Legal Officer Mr Faizal Koya, ODPP Principal Legal Officer Mr Sekonaia Vodokisolomone, ODPP Acting Principal Legal Officer Mr Josaia Niudamu, and ODPP Senior Legal Officer Mr Timoci Qalinauci. Front row (L-R) ODPP Principal Legal Officer Ms Seini Puamau, Legal Officer Mr Shivnay Nand, ODPP Paralegal Ms Shartika Goundar, ODPP Legal Officer Ms Prenika Lata, ODPP Principal Legal Officer Ms Jayneeta Prasad, Legal Officers Mr Krystal Prasad, Mr Virendra Kumar and ODPP Legal Officer Mr Zenith Zunaid.*