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ODPP Introduces National Trial Advocacy Training Course for the Private Bar

The Acting Chief Justice and President of the Court of Appeal, His Lordship Mr Justice Calanchini, opened the start of a three-day National Trial Advocacy Training Course (NTATC) for court room lawyers last Friday (20.11.15).

The NTATC which was organised and conducted jointly by International Advocacy Training Council (IATC) accredited trainers from the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) and the Legal Aid Commission was opened to members of the private bar for the first time.

Director of Public Prosecutions, Mr Christopher Pryde, said, "This is specialist advocacy training using the Hampel Method of Advocacy Training and was offered to lawyers in Fiji to address deficiencies in court room advocacy skills and to provide international-standard criminal trial advocacy training in Fiji. We will be conducting these courses regularly throughout next year in Fiji and also hope to offer it to other jurisdictions in the Pacific."

Assistant Director of Public Prosecutions, Mr Michael Delaney, one of the IATC trainers, said the feedback from the participants was very positive.

The Hampel Method of Advocacy Training 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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