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TRIAL ADVOCACY TRAINING FOR STATE COUNSEL

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

The advocacy training was conducted from 15-17 September 2017 in Suva by two International Advocacy Training Council (IATC) accredited advocacy teachers, Mr Giles Surman from Hong Kong and Deputy Public Prosecutor for the Securities Commission, Malaysia, Ms Roz Mawar Rozain.

This was part of the ODPP's continuing commitment to raise the standards of criminal trial advocacy in Fiji and to further hone the skills of ODPP State Counsel in prosecuting cases.

The advocacy training was 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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17 October 2017

***NB:** Pictures attached below*



Mr Giles Surman addressed the ODPP State Counsel during the ODPP Trial Advocacy Training Course.



Course facilitators of the ODPP Trial Advocacy Training Course (sitting L-R) Mr Giles Surman and Deputy Public Prosecutor for Securities Commission, Malaysia, Ms Roz Mawar Rozain with ODPP State Counsel (L-R): Legal Officer Ms Swastika Sharma, Principal Legal Officer Ms Pauline Madanavosa, Legal Officer Ms Amelia Vavadakua, Principal Legal Officer Mr Sekonaia Vodokisolomone, Legal Officers Mr Taitusi Tuenuku, Mr Timoci Qalinauci and Ms Saini Naibe.



Front Row (L-R): Legal Officer Ms Swastika Sharma and Deputy Public Prosecutor for Securities Commission, Malaysia Ms Roz Mawar Rozain. Back Row (L-R): Legal Officer Mr Timoci Qalinauci, Principal Legal Officer Ms Pauline Madanavosa, Legal Officers, Ms Sadaf Shameem, Mr Taitusi Tuenuku, Mr Giles Surman, Principal Legal Officers Mr Sekonaia Vodokisolomone, Ms Seini Puamau and Legal Officers Ms Saini Naibe and Ms Amelia Vavadakua.