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Statutory regulators attend ODPP Basic Prosecution Course

Statutory Regulators are once again called upon to familiarise themselves with their respective legislation in order to enforce the rules and regulations to its full extent.

The Acting Assistant Director of Public Prosecutions, Mr Meli Vosawale in launching the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) four-week Basic Prosecution Course for Statutory regulators yesterday (06.05.24) reminded officers to be up-to-date with their relevant ministries and government department's legislation and amendments.

"Each of you represent different organisations and this course is tailored to address legal issues and regulatory provisions within your respective legislation," Mr Vosawale said.

"Through this basic training you will learn and understand the application of basic evidence rules, court procedures and etiquette. Take confidence in learning from this course to effectively implement laws within the ambits of your individual ministries and organisations."

Thirty officers from the Ministry of Lands, the Ministry of Fisheries and Forestry, the Ministry of Employment, the Maritime Safety Authority of Fiji and the Fiji Revenue and Customs Services are attending the prosecution course at the Ministry of Civil Service Training Centre, Nasese, Suva.

The ODPP continues to assist government ministries and departments with series of training throughout the year as well as provide legal advice on the range of possible charges and evidence required in prosecuting infringements under their own specific legislation.

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NB: Pictures Below



Participants from various government ministries and department attend the ODPP Basic Prosecution Course for Statutory Regulators at the Ministry of Civil Service Training Centre, Nasese.



The Acting Assistant Director of Public Prosecutions, Mr Meli Vosawle addressed participants during the opening ceremony of the ODPP Basic Prosecutions Course at the Ministry of Civil Service Training Centre, Nasese on Monday (06.05.24).



(Sitting from L-R,) ODPP Senior Training Officer Ms Kiran Singh, The Acting Assistant Director of Public Prosecutions, Mr Meli Vosawale, Senior Legal Officer, Ms Sadaf Shameem with participants from various government ministries and departments during the opening ceremony of the ODPP Basic Prosecution Course for Statutory Regulators at the Ministry of Civil Service Training Centre, Nasese on Monday (06.05.24).

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.