

## Suggested Workshop Format and Content

I have not, at this stage, considered venue, dates or costs. I have however given thought to the format of workshop:-

- In order to cover the topics in depth, I have thought it advisable to limit the number of topics. I have (tentatively) suggested 6 topics.
- I would envisage a 2 day workshop with 3 topics on each day.
- Each topic will be presented for 1 hour.
- Thereafter the speaker will join a panel of (at least) two others. Such a panel would consist of members of the legal and mental health professions.
- A chairperson would facilitate a brief response from panel delegates to the presentation, and further engaged discussion with all the workshop participants. This will take a total of about 75 minutes per topic
- The suggested programme for each day would therefore be:

Presentation: 08h30 – 09h30  
Panel: 09h30 – 10h45  
Break: 10h45 – 11h00

Presentation: 11h00 – 12h00  
Panel: 12h00 – 13h15  
Break: 13h15 – 14h00

Presentation: 14h00 – 15h00  
Break: 15h00 – 15h15  
Panel: 15h15 – 16h30

- **Six suggested topics, loosely worded, are:**

- Determining criminal capacity, in adults and children, with particular reference to Personality Disorders as “mental illness”.
- Research and theory – Attachment and bonding. Implications for Care and Contact in parenting plans.
- The challenge for the psychologist in offering an opinion regarding child abuse, and the question of the relevance of the ethical principle of dual roles when engaged as therapist.
- Non-pathological Incapacity. A psychological deconstruction of a legal concept.
- The assessment of malingering, with an emphasis on civil claims.
- Risk assessment – Establishing reliable and valid methodologies to better inform recommendations regarding sentencing.