

# Examining a Witness – What Can You Ask?

## LESSON PLAN:

### Objective:

To enable students conduct basic examinations of witnesses at a trial

### Aims:

- To provide students with information about how to examine a witness

### Resources:

- *Let's look at the law* video - Lesson 7 (4 minutes).
- Role-play examples of Examination-in-chief and Cross-examination - *Teacher's Notes*.
- *Student Handout: - Examination-in-chief role play story of events*
- Role Play Illustration

### Key Questions:

- What is the purpose of examining a witness?
- What is examination-in-chief?
- What is the purpose of cross-examining a witness?
- What are leading questions? Give some examples.

**Duration: 35 minutes**

### Introduction: (2 minutes)

Teacher explains that

- the video will explain how to examine and cross-examine a witness
- there will be a role-play exercise relating to this at the end of the class

### Development and closure: (33 minutes)

- ◆ Use video to explain how you examine and cross-examine a witness.
- ◆ In groups the students get to practice examination and cross-examination using role-play exercise in Student Handout.
- ◆ Role-play exercise - see *Teacher's Notes* and *Student Handout*.