**Solicitor**

**Overview:**

• Advises the barristers in the preparation of the case.

• Assists the barristers by recording evidence and pointing out important matters.

• Assists in the preparation of the closing address e.g. summarising or contrasting evidence given.

• Must be seen to interact with and assist the barristers with the case.

• Notes taken by the solicitor must be handed to the Judge in a folder clearly marked with the school’s name and which role the team played (Prosecution or Defence) after the closing address for assessment of the solicitor’s involvement during the trial.

**During the trial or through their notes solicitors need to demonstrate that they:**

* Advised the barristers in the preparation of the case.
* Assisted the barristers by accurate contemporaneous notes of evidence, objections and cross-examination;
* Identify and point out to the barristers important matters.
* Assist in the preparation of the closing address e.g. summarising or contrasting evidence given.
* Interact with and assist the barristers during the case.
* Notes taken by the solicitor must be handed to the Judge after the closing address for assessment of the solicitor’s involvement during the trial.
* Judges will need to check the solicitor’s notes for content, questions written down which could assist Counsel and their active participation in the trial.