



# Criminal Lawyers Association of the Northern Territory (CLANT)



## VULNERABLE WITNESSES

# FREE CPD EVENT

# Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2013

### This event will include

- TIPS ON PRACTICAL ADVOCACY AND CASE PREPARATION
- EXAMINATION AND CROSS EXAMINATION OF VULNERABLE WITNESSES
- SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR VULNERABLE DEFENDANTS
- USEFUL GUIDANCE

Please RSVP by using the 'contact us' function on the CLANT website:  
<http://clant.org.au>

This event will take place at William Forster Chambers, 1/26 Harry Chan Ave, and will be presented by Felicity Gerry

Questioning vulnerable adults or child witnesses is a particular skill and requires particular expertise. It also requires careful preparation. Modern thinking that a witness should be put at ease in order to give their best evidence need not conflict with your duties to your client.

It is important that vulnerable defendants receive a fair trial. This includes effective participation in answering questions.

Felicity appeared in *R v Cox* [2012] EWCA Crim 549 – No intermediary for whom funding was available could be identified for the vulnerable defendant and so the judge concluded that he 'would have to be "rather more interventionist" than normal'.