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## NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2020

TIME: 12.40 – 2 pm

FORMAT: Virtual Gathering Via Zoom

COST: \$20 Members | \$25 Non-Members

## HYPNOSIS, MEMORY & ADMISSIBILITY IN COURT

## **GUEST SPEAKER – DR. GORDON COCHRANE**

Dr. Cochrane is a Registered Psychologist, qualified by the State and Provincial Boards of Psychology in the US and Canada and has been published in numerous American and Canadian law journals.

Dr. Cochrane's initial research on hypnosis was published in the Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology and cited in the Harvard Guide to Psychiatry. He has conducted numerous hypnosis-related professional development seminars for health professionals and has provided expert testimony in criminal matters. His book, Psychology and the Law: Hard Science Tools for Cross-Examining Soft Science Experts (2020) includes the research on "hypnosis-enhanced" testimony.

Dr. Cochrane will outline key principles of hypnosis such as: expectancy, cognitive and emotional absorption, creativity, direct and indirect suggestion and perceptions of reality. He will then outline key principles of memory such as: initial perceptions, initial concentration, the incorporation of information over time, initial and current bias, meaning attributions, selective attending and testimony expectancy. He will then turn to admissibility by focusing on the question "What is admissible testimony when all memory is perceived and malleable and when hypnosis alters our perceptions?".

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