

CPD Questions - Hon Justice Lang and Michelle Bonetti

1. Draft yourself a basic checklist for the circumstances in which it might be proper for a court to authorise the use of a communication assistant under s80 Evidence Act 2006.
2. In a case in which there are defendants with complex difficulties, consider what modifications might be made to the normal trial process to accommodate the needs of the defendants. Try to identify particular difficulties from particular needs and how they might be solved by a suitable modification.
3. You are appearing as an advocate in a criminal trial in which there are two central witnesses for whom communication assistants are being used. Think about your normal style of examining a witness, whether in chief or cross-examination: identify three aspects of your questioning style you might consider whether to change in order to deal with these two witnesses.