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## **Introduction**

This Desk Reference Manual deals with the 18 month long preparation for defence trials. We will focus on what you can expect at various stages in trial preparation and what you will need to accomplish at these various stages.

This Manual is divided into 4 sections. They are:

- Fundamentals
- Defence Trial Preparation Schedule
- Defence Trial Preparation Checklist
- Appendix

## **Learning Objectives**

After studying this first level, you will:

- understand the applicable Rules of Court and know when and how to apply them
- know what should be in your file, when you should be ordering it, and what you can expect it to add to the defendant's case

## **Highlights**

The fundamentals of trial preparation are the keys to successful litigation: proficiency with the Rules of Court, knowledge of court forms and an understanding of the rules of evidence.

This version of the manual has been completely revised to reflect the new Civil Rules of Court that came into effect last July 1, 2010.

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