

Learning Units

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Learning unit 11: Trial preparation stage: Preparing the case for trial

Prescribed reading

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Read chapters 11 to 14 of Marnewick (prescribed textbook).

According to Marnewick: *“Trial preparation involves a number of related processes which combine to allow the case to be presented in the best possible light. They are advising on the evidence, assembling the evidence, conducting legal research and analysing the facts and developing strategy”.*

In chapters 11 to 14, Marnewick provides practical guidance for each of the four steps identified above.

Learning outcomes

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On completion of Learning Unit 11, you should be able to: provide an overview of the nature, scope and content of advice on evidence, the process of assembling evidence, the process of legal research and the development of case strategies

Activity

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Using Appendix 1 prepare a preliminary advice on evidence for Mrs Smith in her action against Joe Soap. Discuss your answers on myUnisa under **Forum 4 (discussion 12)**.

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