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## The College has released a best practice video on conducting a Ground Rules Hearing.

Ground Rules Hearings are a recent innovation designed to set the parameters for the conduct of a trial to ensure fair treatment of vulnerable witnesses. The hearings aim to enable vulnerable witnesses to give their best evidence and to ensure that communication is as complete, coherent and accurate as possible.

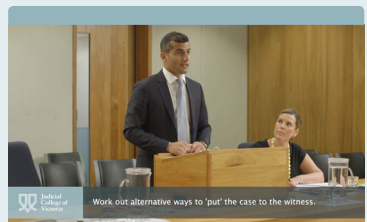
## How does a Ground Rules Hearing work in practice?

The College has produced a best practice video to equip judicial officers and practitioners with an understanding of how to conduct a Ground Rules Hearing, both with and without an intermediary.

*“When it comes to learning about a new process, there is nothing like seeing and hearing how it is done.*

*This video has something to offer all judicial officers. I highly recommend it to you and hope to see more in the future.”*

- Chief Judge Peter Kidd, County Court of Victoria



The video and supporting materials are available on JOIN or via [www.tiny.cc/GRH](http://www.tiny.cc/GRH)