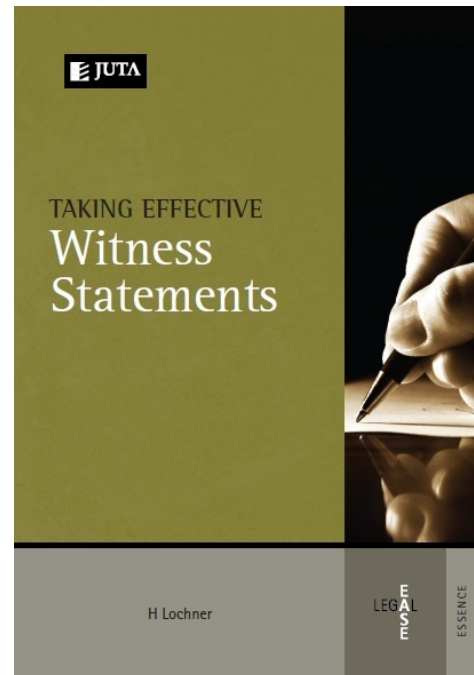


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Witness statements play a vital role in all forms of criminal investigation, particularly crime scene investigation (CSI) and forensics. Legal practitioners on both sides – prosecution and defence – cannot hope to succeed at trial unless they have properly drafted and executed witness statements. The author of *Taking Effective Witness Statements / Afneem van Doeltreffende Getuieverklarings* provides in-depth coverage of every stage of the statement-taking process, from preparing the witness before a statement is taken, through observing the body language of the witness during the interview, to compiling a post-interview report.

Taking Effective Witness Statements / Afneem van Doeltreffende Getuieverklarings focuses on different forms of witness statements and provides expert practical guidance on such matters as:

- understanding the requirements of an effective witness statement
- recognising the characteristics of an effective witness statement
- how to format the statement correctly
- what language to use when writing the statement
- common mistakes made in statement taking (and how to avoid them)
- professional qualities of investigators.

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