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# Contempt - a solicitor advocate's perspective

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**E**veryone knows about committal and how to commit someone for contempt - or do they?

The simple answer is no. The vast majority of people who appear before the courts at any level pay proper respect whilst in court and to the orders of those courts. As such, the day-to-day work of a lawyer tends not to involve