

# Conference programme\*

## Wednesday, 22 April

- 11:00 – 17:00** **APIL charity golf day in aid of Brain Injury is BIG**  
Twenty Ten Course  
*Kindly sponsored by Just Costs Solicitors*
- 15:00 – 18:00** **EC/SIG/REG co-ordinators and secretaries meeting**  
Conwy Suite
- 19:30 – 20:00** **EC drinks reception**  
Hedleys
- 20:00 - 23:00** **Evening dinners**  
EC – Hedleys  
Informal dinner – Augusta Suite, The Lodge

## Thursday, 23 April

- 08:45 - 09:30** **Conference registration and refreshments in the exhibition area**
- 09:30 – 09:35** **Welcome to the conference**  
Deborah Evans, Chief Executive, APIL, Nottingham
- 09:35 – 10:20** **Annual general meeting**
- 10:20 – 10:50** Refreshment break in the exhibition area  
*Kindly sponsored by Jordan Publishing*
- 10:50 – 11:05** **Opening of the conference**  
Theodore Huckle QC, Counsel General for Wales
- 11:05 – 12:00** **Keynote address**  
Simon Weston OBE, Falklands veteran & motivational speaker
- 12:00 – 13:00** **Cases that rocked PI over 25 years– APIL’s top five!**  
**Chair:**  
Nigel Tomkins, APIL Treasurer, Nigel Tomkins Consultancy, Nottingham  
**Speakers:**  
Cenric Clement-Evans, APIL EC Member, NewLaw Solicitors, Cardiff  
Terry Lee, Russell Cooke LLP, London  
John McQuater, Past APIL President, Atherton Godfrey, Doncaster  
Nigel Tomkins, APIL Treasurer, Nigel Tomkins Consultancy, Nottingham  
Jonathan Wheeler, Incoming APIL President, Bolt Burdon Kemp, London
- 13:00 – 14:00** Lunch break served in the exhibition area  
*Kindly sponsored by Bush & Company Rehabilitation*
- 14:00 – 14:05** **Welcome back**  
Deborah Evans, Chief Executive, APIL, Nottingham
- 14:05 – 14:30** **Presidential address**  
Jonathan Wheeler, Incoming APIL President, Bolt Burdon Kemp, London
- 14:30 – 15:30** **APIL debate: “PI lawyers - who needs them?”**  
**Chair:**  
John McQuater, Past APIL President, Atherton Godfrey, Doncaster  
**Panellists:**  
James Dalton, Director, General Insurance Policy, Association of British Insurers, London  
John Hyde, Deputy News Editor, Law Society Gazette  
David Johnson, Immediate Past President, FOIL, London  
Hugh Robertson, Senior Policy Officer for Health & Safety, TUC, London  
Ben Smoldon, Client of Russell Cooke LLP, London  
John Spencer, APIL President, Spencers Solicitors, Chesterfield
- 15:30 – 16:00** Refreshment break in the exhibition area  
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- 16:00 – 17:15** **Seminar session one**  
Delegates are invited to choose from four seminars - please see overleaf for choices

# Conference programme continued\*

## Thursday evening

19:30 – 20:00

### Sparkly drinks reception

*Kindly sponsored by Stokes Case Management*

20:00 – 01:00

### Black-tie gala dinner

With live music from funk and groove band 'Bad Girls Groove' followed by DJ and karaoke!!

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## Friday, 24 April

09:00 - 09:30

### Registration and refreshments in the exhibition area

09:30 – 10:45

### Seminar session two

Delegates are invited to choose from four seminars - please see overleaf for choices

*Friday morning revival kindly sponsored by AMG Consultancy Services Limited*

10:45 – 11:15

Refreshment break served in the exhibition area

*Kindly sponsored by Jordan Publishing*

11:15 – 12:00

### Working collaboratively for best results

*Kindly sponsored by Proclaim Care*

- A guide to the conduct of cases involving serious injuries
- Best Practice Guide on Rehabilitation 2015

#### Speakers:

Neil Sugarman, Incoming APIL Vice President, GLP Solicitors, Bury  
Colin Ettinger, Past APIL President, Irwin Mitchell LLP, London

12:00 – 13:00

### Seminar session three

Delegates are invited to choose from four seminars - please see overleaf for choices

13:00 – 14:00

Lunch served in the Caernarfon Bar area

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14:00 – 14:15

### Welcome back to the conference

Jonathan Wheeler, Incoming APIL President, Bolt Burdon Kemp, London

14:15 – 15:30

### Litigation update

*Kindly sponsored by LexisNexis*

Our fast moving update session on issues you may not be aware of but could affect your day-to-day handling of cases. Nine PI practitioners will share their knowledge and tips about important hot topics!

**Chair:** Nigel Tomkins, APIL Treasurer, Nigel Tomkins Consultancy, Nottingham

#### Topics and speakers:

**Online dispute resolution** - Colin Ettinger, Past APIL President, Irwin Mitchell LLP, London

**Swine flu vaccine** - Peter Todd, Partner, Hodge Jones & Allen, London

**The impact of Montgomery on causation** - Muiris Lyons, Past APIL President, Stewarts Law LLP, London

**Reany- full recovery** - John McQuater, Past APIL President, Atherton Godfrey, Doncaster

**Fundamental dishonesty** - Brett Dixon, APIL EC Member, Smith Jones (Solicitors) LTD

**SARAH – the hidden dangers** - Stuart Kightley, APIL Secretary, Osbornes Solicitors, London

**The impact of Woodland on child abuse** - David McClenaghan, Secretary of the APIL Child Abuse Special Interest Group, Bolt Burdon Kemp, London

**Challenging the Chancellor' - Sir Thomas Moore and Chris Grayling and the Rule of Law**  
Michael Imperato, Co-ordinator of the APIL Wales Regional Group, Watkins & Gunn, Newport

**Anonymity - the position following JxMx** - Mark Bowman, Partner, Fieldfisher, London

\*Topics and speakers may be subject to change

# Seminar choices\*

Seminar session one - Thursday, 23 April 16:00 - 17:15

## Costs budgeting

*Kindly sponsored by AmTrust Europe Legal Limited*

This seminar will consider:

- how to prepare a budget?
- hourly rates or phase costs?
- what should go into a budget?
- what goes where?
- budgets - to agree or not to agree that is the question
- preparing for the hearing
- monitoring a budgeted case to keep it on budget
- when to apply to amend a budget and how
- the relevance of the budget to the detailed assessment process
- Part 36 changes relevant to budgets
- what about indemnity costs?
- costs management hearings – a judicial perspective

### Speakers:

Gary Barker - Gary Barker Training, Hertfordshire  
Master David Cook - Master of the High Court, Queens Bench Division, Royal Courts of Justice, London  
Brett Dixon - APL EC Member, Smith Jones (Solicitors) LTD, Burnley

## JPIL case and comment (first session)

*Kindly sponsored by Sweet and Maxwell, a legal division of Thomson Reuters*

Members of the JPIL editorial board will provide their expert analysis of the cases that really matter to PI practitioners, based on cases that have been and will be reported in recent and forthcoming editions of JPIL. The sessions will focus on three areas:

- liability
- quantum
- procedure

JPIL prides itself on its expert case reporting and commentary. It often covers important cases before they appear anywhere else in print. JPIL not only tells you what cases say but also what they mean!

### Speakers:

Muiris Lyons - JPIL Editor, Past APIL President, Stewarts Law LLP, London  
Nigel Tomkins - JPIL Digest Editor, APIL Treasurer, Nigel Tomkins Consultancy, Nottingham  
Colin Ettinger - Past APIL President, Irwin Mitchell LLP, London  
John McQuater - Past APIL President, Atherton Godfrey, Doncaster

## Military claims: the essentials

*Kindly sponsored by HCML*

This seminar will cover:

- who can claim and why?
- combat immunity and when does it apply?
- the letter of claim - getting it right first time
- disclosure of service medical records and personnel files - when and how?
- pre-action conduct and applications
- expert evidence - liability and medical
- witness statements
- career forecasts employment expert evidence
- damages – PS&L, SvM, loss of congenial employment, earnings, pension, bonuses and perks of military life
- preparing for trial
- ADR
- the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme
- independent financial advice

### Speakers:

Grant Evatt - Co-ordinator of APIL's Military SIG, Hilary Meredith Solicitors Limited, London  
Chris Barnes - Barrister, Exchange Chambers, Liverpool, Manchester and Leeds

## What's happening across the jurisdictions?

All the very latest developments in Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales

### Speakers:

Cenric Clement-Evans - APIL EC Member, NewLaw Solicitors, Cardiff  
Gordon Dalyell - APIL EC Member, Digby Brown LLP, Edinburgh  
Martin Hanna - APIL EC Member, Francis Hanna & Co, Belfast

# Seminar choices\*

Seminar session two - Friday, 24 April 09:30 - 10:45

## Compliance: What you really need to know to avoid getting into trouble?

*Kindly sponsored by AON*

This seminar will cover:

- impact of financial pressures on compliance
- compliance fallout from the attack on the 'compensation culture'
- compliance risks of higher value claims and more complex work
- referrals
- professional indemnity – regulatory aspects
- external regulation – consumer credit, data protection

### Speakers:

Neil Sugarman, Incoming APIL Vice President, GLP Solicitors, Bury  
Frank Maher, Legal Risk LLP, Liverpool

## European update

The impact of EC legislation on personal injury law is growing steadily and this creates a need for knowledge of European legislation. This session is concerned with identifying those cases where the Court of England and Wales can exercise the power to hear and determine cases which relates to events or parties outside England and Wales.

The session will further explore how the substantive rules of foreign systems of law will be material to a greater or lesser extent.

The review of Brussels I, which is known as Brussels IA (Council Regulation (EC) No 1215/2012 of 12 December 2012 on jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters), will be analysed in detail together with the latest developments in the application of Rome II (Regulation (EC) No 864/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 July on the law applicable to non-contractual obligations) and the Service Regulation (Council Regulation (EC) No 1393/2007 of 13 November on the service in the Member States of judicial and extrajudicial documents in civil or commercial matters).

### Speakers:

Alberto Cedillo- Co-ordinator of APIL's International SIG, Alberto Perez Cedillo Spanish Lawyers and Solicitors, London  
Sarah Crowther, Barrister, Outer Temple Chambers, London

## JPIL case and comment (REPEAT OF SEMINAR ONE)

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### Speakers:

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## Picking winners

Four important European Court of Justice rulings have turned our understanding of motor insurance law on its head. They render obsolete most of the case law we are familiar with. Furthermore, the Government's long standing failure to properly implement the European directives on motor insurance has opened up exciting new (profitable) opportunities for presenting successful legal challenges against insurers, the MIB and the Government.

This seminar will focus on practical matters:

- how to spot breaches of EU law that impinge on the rights of motor accident victims
- how to ensure that a court applies a European law consistent interpretation of the Road Traffic Act 1988, the EC Rights Against Insurers Regulations 2002 and even the MIB Agreements
- an ABC guide to a comparative law interpretation and its limitations
- how to calibrate the prospects of raising a successful legal challenge

If you handle any motor accident claims this is one seminar you cannot afford to miss!

### Speaker:

Nick Bevan, APIL Fellow Emeritus, Independent Trainer, Somerset

# Seminar choices\*

Seminar session three - Friday, 24 April 12:00 - 13:00

## Being interesting in business

Actor David Gillespie's talk is a slightly irreverent and often amusing insight on how we can connect with confidence and perform with power when striking rapport and building profitable relationships in business.

This seminar will cover:

- being great communicators
- being able to control the way we are perceived by others
- being at the front of minds, on the tips of tongues and on the top of lists

### Speaker:

David Gillespie, actor and motivational speaker, speechworks, London

## Fun games and compensation claims

*Kindly sponsored by Burcher Jennings  
Legal Pricing and Costs Consultants*

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### Speakers

Matthew Stockwell, Past APIL President, Outer Temple Chambers, London

Ben Rogers, Stewarts Law LLP, London

## Other methods of resolving litigation

*Kindly sponsored by Hawkins*

This seminar will cover:

- mediation in the era of proportionality and the culture of compliance
- the APIL/FOIL/ MASS directory of mediators
- "pick n mix": Is the one stop shop the future for dispute resolution?

### Speakers:

Brian Dawson, APIL EC Member, Walker Smith Way, Chester

Tim Wallis, Trust Mediation LTD, London

## Types of pain and what makes it chronic

*Kindly sponsored by George Ide LLP*

This seminar will cover:

- different types of pain that exist
- complexities of the interactions between different types of pain
- factors which prolong the experience of pain
- depending on time, the likely response to treatment

### Speaker:

Dr Rajesh Munglani, Consultant in Pain Medicine, Cambridge