



## EXPERT WITNESS TRAINING

### Legal training for expert witnesses: *court proceedings and trial* Legal training for expert witnesses

The Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL) is pleased to announce the development of two brand new training events for expert witnesses, geared towards both claimant and defendant experts.

These courses aim to deliver practical guidance to assist you in developing the skills and knowledge required to become a good expert. They can serve as an introduction but also as a refresher, to improve your current skill-set.

**Legal training for expert witnesses** will provide an overview of the expert witness up to conference and directions, including report-writing;

**Legal training for expert witnesses: court proceedings and trial** will concentrate mostly on post-issue stage of the case, joint expert meetings, preparing for and giving evidence at trial.

Both courses will take place in central London. Lunch and refreshments throughout the day will be provided.

#### ***Who should attend?***

Health professionals of all specialties who wish to become or who are already experts, reporting on issues of liability and condition and prognosis.

#### ***APIL database of experts***

APIL provides an expert database for its membership. It has been designed to speed up the litigation process by providing APIL members with suitably qualified experts to assist with their cases.

APIL experts are categorised as follows:

Tier 1**:	Experts recommended by APIL members, completed both courses
Tier 1*:	Experts recommended by APIL members, completed one course
Tier 1:	Experts recommended by APIL members
Tier 2:	Experts recognised by expert witness organisations such as the Expert Witness Institute or Society of Expert Witnesses (who do not hold an APIL member reference)
Tier 3:	Experts without recommendation or external recognition

#### About APIL

APIL has been fighting for the rights of injured people for almost 30 years. A not-for-profit campaign organisation, APIL's 3,300 member lawyers (mainly solicitors, barristers and legal executives) are dedicated to protecting and enhancing access to justice, changing the law where appropriate, and improving the services provided for victims of personal injury. Over the years APIL has grown to become the leading, most respected organisation in this field, constantly working to promote and develop expertise in the practise of personal injury law, for the benefit of injured people.

# **Legal training for expert witnesses: *court proceedings and trial* Wednesday, 22 January 2020 Irwin Mitchell LLP, London**

- **Introduction & welcome**  
*Chair: Ania Bean, Irwin Mitchell LLP*
- **Opening address from the Expert Witness Institute**  
*Speaker: Lord Kerr of Tonaghmore, president of the Expert Witness Institute*
- **Session 1:**  
**What it means to be a good expert - judge/counsel's perspective**  
*Speaker: Derek Sweeting QC, 7 Bedford Row*
- **Session 2:**  
**Experts' discussions and questions to experts**  
*Speaker: Ian Christian, Irwin Mitchell LLP*
- **Session 3:**  
**Report writing, joint expert meetings, giving evidence - expert's perspective**  
*Speaker: Dr Thomas Boyd, GP expert*
- **Session 4:**  
**Lessons to be learnt from recent trials/case law**  
*Speakers: Adam Clemens and Sarah Edwards, 7 Bedford Row*
- **Session 5:**  
**Introduction to courtroom skills**  
*Speaker: Simon Wheatley, 7 Bedford Row*
- **Session 6:**  
**Mock trial - observe a practical demonstration of a civil trial, evidence being given in a witness box, and how to cope under cross-examination**  
*Speakers: James Robottom, Jonathan Bertram and Liam Ryan, 7 Bedford Row*
- **Reflections, questions & close**

## **New APIL experts!!**

If you are not currently listed on APIL's expert directory, you will receive a complimentary enhanced listing after booking onto this course

# Legal training for expert witnesses

## Wednesday, 10 June 2020

### Venue TBC, London

- **Introduction & welcome with the course speakers**  
**Speakers:** *Sam Elsby, APIL vice-president* *Dean Wilson LLP, Brighton*  
*Nicola Heales, Bevirs Law, Wiltshire*
- **Session 1:**  
**The law and the role of expert evidence generally**  
**The role, duties of solicitors to the court; the expert and their client**
  - the skills needed
- **Session 2: Medico-legal reporting in injury claims**
  - in the context of the legal rules including the burden and standard of proof
- **Session 3: Report writing 1**
  - information and documents to expect from solicitors
  - experts' duties
  - background evidence disputed or agreed
  - meeting and examining the claimant
  - the fraudulent claimant - fraud/exaggeration and 'functional overlay'
  - facts v opinion
- **Session 4: Report writing 2**
  - contents and format of report - with examples
  - opinion issues (medical)
  - opinion issues (causation) - prognosis and future claims
  - the use of textbook references and medical papers
- **Session 5: How the report is used to evaluate the claim**
  - amending or altering your report
  - changing experts and cases with experts of more than one discipline
  - considering and responding to reports from the 'other side'
  - replying to written questions
- **Session 6: Court directions**
  - including joint expert discussions
- **Session 7: Legal costs/costs budgets**
  - terms & conditions
  - fees
  - payment



This course will also include the latest developments in the law on written questions to experts and covert recordings of medical examinations, as set out in the recent case of *Mustard v Flower & Direct Line* [2019] EWHC 2623 (QB)

## Expert witness training - provided by APIL

Course	Current APIL expert (please circle)	Not a current APIL expert (please circle)
Legal training for expert witnesses: court proceedings and trial Irwin Mitchell LLP, London Wednesday, 22 January 2020	£240 + VAT	£315 + VAT
Legal training for expert witnesses Venue TBC, London Wednesday, 10 June 2020	£240 + VAT	£315 + VAT

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Name of delegate: \_\_\_\_\_

Firm: \_\_\_\_\_

APIL no: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel no: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please detail any dietary requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please note that all dietary requirements can be catered for with prior notice, although, if there is an additional charge for this by the venue or it has to be sourced externally, the charge will be passed onto the delegate).

### PAYMENT DETAILS

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### Terms and conditions:

By registering for this event, you are confirming acceptance of APIL's terms and conditions, which can be found at: [www.apil.org.uk/terms-and-conditions](http://www.apil.org.uk/terms-and-conditions)

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