

Costs update - 4th quarter 2020

Friday, 11 December
12:00 - 13:00

The webinar, presented by APIL vice president Brett Dixon, and current costs special interest group co-ordinator Gary Barker will cover:

- CPR
- Whiplash
- Small claims
- Protocol review
- What is a significant development for revision of a costs budget?
- Charging more than fixed costs
- Wasted costs against solicitors
- Challenges to physical location for 'Guideline Hourly Rates'
- Third party funding and contributory negligence
- More Part 36 decisions
- Court of Protection costs guidance
- Termination of retainer problems
- Punishment for "bumping up" costs
- Failure to get proper instructions on claim or costs



Brett Dixon is a senior fellow of APIL and current joint vice president. He works as a personal injury solicitor in Lancashire dealing primarily with employers' liability matters and catastrophic injuries.

Appointed in 2015 as a solicitor member of the Civil Procedure Rule Committee and a member of their sub-committee tasked with rewriting the disease and illness pre-action protocol.

Brett is an active member of the APIL executive committee and was elected by the membership of APIL to be the vice president 2016-2017. He delivers training regularly on behalf of APIL via webinars and face to face courses including at the annual conference and national costs conferences. Brett also tours the UK annually providing the 'Accidents at work' update course.



Gary Barker qualified as a solicitor in 1982. He spent 20 years with two high street practices, specialising in civil litigation and personal injury work. At both firms he took on responsibility for practice development which was to see a fourfold increase in their growth.

He also took on a part-time training role, working for a number of course providers and, with the advent of the Woolf reforms, was soon presenting courses virtually full time. From 2001 to 2004 he was head of practice development at the Law Society.

Gary is now a practising solicitor again, which he combines with being a costs consultant and a freelance trainer. Gary is an assistant lecturer at the Open University.

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