



Legal training for liability expert witnesses 2020 (LIVE VIRTUAL EVENT)

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

Who should attend?

This course is a general experts course appropriate for all liability experts in personal injury litigation including experts in road traffic accident reconstruction; workplace accidents (falls, slips, machinery operation etc); health & safety standards and specialist & technical equipment.

Our experts 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.

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**:
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 - Tier 1:
 - Tier 2:
 - Tier 3:
- Experts recommended by APIL members, completed both courses
- Experts recommended by APIL members, completed one course
- Experts recommended by APIL members
- 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)
- 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.

PLEASE NOTE!

There will be two further events geared towards non-medical experts which are currently under development. These events will be as follows:

30 November - Medical experts - This event has already been run live but is available as a recording

9 December 2020 - all quantum experts in personal injury litigation including experts in care & rehabilitation, prosthetics and orthotics; employment; accountancy and architecture

LIVE VIRTUAL EVENT

25 MARCH 2021

Introduction & welcome with the course speakers

Speakers: *Sam Elsby, APIL president Dean Wilson LLP, Brighton*
Nicola Heales, Bevirs Law, Wiltshire

Session 1:

The role, duties of solicitors to the court; the expert and their client

The law and the role of expert evidence generally

- the skills needed

Session 2: Accident reports

- 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
- attending the locus and desktop reports
- facts or opinions?

Session 4: Report writing 2

- the use of textbook references, academic articles and research
- contents and format of report – with examples
- opinion issues
- the use of scientific laws and mathematical formulae

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
- dealing with suggestions of fraud

Session 6: Court directions

- timetable
- expert discussions
- joint Statement

Session 7: Legal costs/costs budgets

- terms & conditions
- fees
- payment

This course will include the latest case law developments on written questions to experts; covert recording of medical examinations, and why the expert in **Thimmaya v Lancashire NHS Foundation Trust (Reported 20th January 2020)** was ordered to pay £89,000 in legal costs plus the latest case on expert's duties: **A v X,Y & Z (reported April 2020)**

Expert witness training - provided by APIL

Course	Current APIL expert (please circle)	Not a current APIL expert (please circle)
Legal training for liability expert witnesses LIVE VIRTUAL EVENT 25 March 2021 9:30am - 5pm	£240 + VAT	£315 + VAT

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Name of delegate: _____

Firm: _____

APIL no: _____ Tel no: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

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

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