

Experts: Changing your opinion (LIVE WEBINAR)

Thursday, 18 February
13:00 - 14:00

- Steps to reduce the need to change your view from the outset
- What clinical & legal circumstances might give rise to a change?
- The written questions stage
- Joint expert meetings & joint reports
- Conscious or unconscious exaggeration by the Claimant
- Reports from more than one discipline in the case
- Your duties and practical tips if you need to change your opinion
- Under duress to change your opinion? How to react



Sam Elsby qualified as a solicitor in 1984. He has undertaken personal injury work only since 1990, when he also joined APIL.

For over ten years, Sam was a partner at general practice high street firm in Eastbourne, before leaving to set up his own practice in early 2003. In February 2018 his firm merged with Dean Wilson LLP in Brighton, where he joined their personal injury and clinical negligence team as a consultant.

He takes on a wide range of cases, both by reference to value and cause of action. He has particular expertise in child/adolescent brain injury cases; fast-track trial advocacy and Inquests. He is also a Court of Protection Deputy.

Sam was the south east regional co-ordinator of APIL for 9 years. He is a fellow of APIL and was elected as vice-president in May 2019 and president in May 2020.



Nicola Heales qualified as a Solicitor in 1985 and is an experienced personal injury solicitor who has specialised in severe catastrophic injury claims acting for both children and adults for the last twenty-five years.

She has a particular interest in acquired brain injury, rehabilitation and “capacity” and is a firm believer that the early introduction of rehabilitation assists all parties to bring claims to a satisfactory resolution. Nicola adopts a multi-disciplinary approach liaising; with the medical teams, case managers and the Court of Protection where necessary.

Nicola is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine and a Fellow of the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers. She is an APIL accredited brain injury specialist and an Assessor for APIL for the Injury Specialist Panel. Nicola has an MSc in Brain Injury Rehabilitation from the University of Wales, Swansea; the only lawyer to have been awarded this postgraduate degree.

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