

Costs update 2021 - first quarter

Friday, 26 February

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:

- Where are we on guideline hourly rates?
- Where are we on whiplash and small claims limit?
- Vulnerable witnesses:
 - Costs implications in fast track and multi-track cases
 - When to think about vulnerability and the cost of necessary measures
 - Why the CPRC did not define vulnerability
 - The changes to the overriding objective
 - The interaction with any increase in fixed recoverable costs limits
- CPR changes coming up
- Has the Court of Appeal saved DBAs?
- CFA staged success fees
- Interim costs in long running cases
- Part 36 and interest
- Part 36 and summary assessment of costs
- Part 36 and acceptance outside the 21 days
- Part 36 alongside 'without prejudice' offers
- Costs budgeting - what is a significant development?
- Costs following amendments to Particulars of Claim
- LEI and interlocutory appeals
- Denton and challenges to the bill
- Informed consent and costs
- Co claimant's liability for costs
- Costs in Court of Protection
- Costs where judgment against all but one defendant
- Summary assessment
- New Costs Guide



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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