

# Legal training for expert witnesses 2022

## Part one: Pre-trial and report writing Recording now available on demand

## Part two: Court proceedings, trial and post-trial 23 November - 7 Bedford Row, London (In-person event)

The Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL) is delighted to be returning again this year with its annual training programme for expert witnesses.

These APIL courses aim to deliver practical guidance to enhance and develop the skills and knowledge required to become an excellent expert. They can serve as an introduction but also as an up-to-date refresher, to improve your current skill-set.

### Part one: Pre-trial and report writing - Now available on demand

Part one will provide you with everything you need to know in your role as an expert witness up to conference and directions stages. It will also include comprehensive training on how to write a good report.

The course is appropriate to a wide range of experts including all medical consultants whether surgeons or physicians; GPs; psychologists and neuropsychologists, as well as nursing and care experts. While primarily aimed at healthcare experts, it is also suitable for experts such as engineers, accountants, and architects.

The course covers:

- The solicitor's role & their duties to the court, expert and client
- Medico-legal reporting in injury claims
- Report writing
- How the report is used in the claim
- Court Directions, Written Questions & Joint Discussion
- Expert's fees/Legal costs/Costs budgets

**CPD hours:**

**Part one: 6 hours**

**Part two: 5 hours**

Delegates will be issued with a certificate of attendance after each course for CPD purposes

**Speakers:** Sam Elsby, Past APIL President, Dean Wilson Solicitors LLP, Brighton  
Nicola Heales, Bevirs Law, Calne

### Part two: Court proceedings, trial and post-trial - 23 November (9.30am - 5.00pm)

The second of the two courses is a general experts course, appropriate for all experts in personal injury litigation including medical experts, experts in care & rehabilitation; prosthetics and orthotics; employment; accountancy, accommodation and architecture. This will concentrate mostly on post-issue stage of the case, joint expert meetings, preparing for and giving evidence at trial. Topics will include:

- What it means to be a good expert - judge/counsel's perspective
- The role of an expert witness through the litigation process
- Experiences of an expert witness – tips to avoid the pitfalls
- Lessons to be learnt from recent trials/case law
- Introduction to court room skills followed by a mock trial
  - Observe a practical demonstration of a civil trial, evidence being given in a witness box, and how to cope under cross-examination
- Review of the mock trial: What went right? What went wrong and any questions

**BECOME A TWO STAR  
EXPERT THROUGH  
APIL!**

**Please see overleaf for further details of the speakers and programme for part two of this course.**

**Upon completion of both parts 1 and 2, APIL Tier 1 registered experts will receive two stars for their expert database listing and can market themselves as APIL Expert Tier 1\*\***

## Part two: Speakers



**Richard Baker**  
APIL EC Member,  
7BR, London



**Heather Batey**  
Reach Personal Injury  
Services, Ripon



**Jonathan Bertam**  
Barrister,  
7BR, London



**Ian Christian**  
Irwin Mitchell LLP,  
London



**Sam Elsby**  
Past APIL President,  
Dean Wilson Solicitors  
LLP, Brighton



**Nicola Heales**  
Bevirs Law,  
Calne



**Shivi Nathan**  
Irwin Mitchell LLP  
London



**Mr James Penny**  
Surrey & Sussex NHS Trust,  
Surrey



**Liam Ryan**  
Barrister,  
7BR, London

**“Informative and interesting conference”.**

**“Enjoyed the day - thank you”.**

**“The content was all helpful to me”.**

# Part two: Court proceedings, trial and post-trial

## Programme

Held in association with:

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- 10:00 – 10:10**      **Introduction & welcome**  
Chair: Ian Christian, Irwin Mitchell LLP, London
- 10:10 – 10:40**      **Session 1: What it means to be a good expert – Judge/Counsel's perspective**  
Speaker: To be confirmed
- 10:40 – 10:45**      **Comfort break**
- 10:45 – 11:30**      **Session 2: The role of an expert witness through the litigation process**  
Speakers: Shivi Nathan, Irwin Mitchell, London  
Mr James Penny, Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, Surrey & Sussex NHS Trust, Surrey
- 11:30 – 11:45**      **Mid-morning break**
- 11:45 – 12:30**      **Session 3: Experiences of an expert witness – tips to avoid the pitfalls**  
Speaker: Heather Batey, Reach Personal Injury Services, Ripon
- 12:30 – 13:00**      **Lunch break**
- 13:00 – 13:05**      **Welcome back**  
Chair: Ian Christian, Irwin Mitchell LLP, London
- 13:05 – 13:50**      **Session 4: Lessons to be learnt from recent trials/case law**  
Speakers: Sam Elsby, Past APIL President, Dean Wilson Solicitors LLP, Brighton  
Nicola Heales, Bevirs Law, Calne
- 13:50 – 14:00**      **Mid-afternoon break**
- 14:00 – 15:15**      **Session 5: Introduction to court room skills followed by a 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: Richard Baker, Jonathan Bertram and Liam Ryan, Barristers, 7 Bedford Row, London
- 15:15 – 15:20**      **Comfort break**
- 15:20 – 16:00**      **Session 6: Review of the mock trial**  
A debrief on what happened, what went right and what went wrong?
- 16:00**              **Reflections on the day, questions & close**

\*Programme, speakers and CPD hours may be subject to change

# On demand training

**Expert witness training:  
How to write a good CV**

**Joint expert discussions**

## One hour recordings

This one hour session will explore the form and content of a litigation expert's CV and why it should be different from one for a job application.

We will also examine why a CV is important for an expert seeking instructions and cover:

- Expert's CVs and the CPR
- CPR PD 35.2(1) Qualifications
- CPR 35.3 & 35.4 : Area(s) of expertise
- Track allocation - the tailored CV & CJC Guidelines
- The Courts and expert CVs: *De Sena v Notaro* [2020]
- Avoiding conflicts of interest
- Some 'dos' - what to add to a standard CV
- Some 'don'ts' - what to omit
- Commercial factors and tips

Speakers:

Sam Elsby, Past APIL President, Dean Wilson Solicitors LLP, Brighton  
Nicola Heales, Bevirs Law, Calne

This session, presented by Sam Elsby and Nicola Heales will cover:

- What are expert discussions and the Court's control of expert evidence
- What is (and what is not) the purpose of the discussion?
- Should there be an agenda? If so, who prepares it?
- Legal requirements for the meeting
- Practical tips to be effective in the meeting
- What to do if the other expert is obstructive or domineering
- Changing your opinion
- The joint report: how detailed should it be, and who prepares it?
- A review of the leading and latest cases

Speakers:

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**For further details of our on-demand recordings or to book online, please visit:  
<https://apil.org.uk/training>**

**Find out more about becoming an APIL expert**

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## About APIL

APIL has been fighting for the rights of injured people for over 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.

# Expert witness training - provided by APIL

To book your place, please return your completed form to:  
APIL, 3 Alder Court, Rennie Hogg Road, Nottingham, NG2 1RX  
or book online at: [www.apil.org.uk/personal-injury-legal-training](http://www.apil.org.uk/personal-injury-legal-training)

Course	Current APIL expert (please circle)	Not a current APIL expert (please circle)
Part one: Pre-trial and report writing Recording available on demand	£240 + VAT	£315 + VAT
Part two: Court proceedings, trial and post-trial 23 November 2022 - 9:30am - 5pm In-person attendance at 7BR, London	£240 + VAT	£315 + VAT

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

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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).

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