

EXPERT SERVICES DATABASE APPLICATION PACK

INTRODUCTION

The Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL) was founded in 1990 by a group of lawyers working on behalf of injured people and is a well-established, national, not-for-profit organisation. APIL fights to ensure injured people receive full and fair redress for their often life-changing injuries.

APIL is run by a committed team of professional staff at the Nottingham headquarters who undertake campaign work at the highest levels of Government and in the press, and provide information and training to help ensure its members offer the highest standards of ethical legal advice.

THE DATABASE

APIL's expert database is designed to speed up the litigation process by providing APIL members with experts who can help with their cases. It is available to members not just online but also as a personal individual service and contains around 770 experts in 280 categories of expertise.

Over the last year the number of experts being searched on the APIL web site has been increasing significantly. Statistics show that over 2,250 expert searches are being made each month.

ONLINE - www.apil.org.uk



The screenshot shows the APIL website homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'Advertising and sponsorship', 'Press room', 'Contact APIL', 'Feedback', and 'Members' login'. The APIL logo and tagline 'Fight for right' are prominently displayed. Below this is a main navigation menu with links for 'About APIL', 'Accident or negligence', 'Campaigning', 'Find an APIL lawyer', 'Publications', 'Experts', 'Lawyers', and 'Accredited training'. The central content area features a large banner with the APIL logo and the text: 'Help is on hand with the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers. Seek impartial advice today.' To the right of the banner are two interactive sections: 'Find a personal injury lawyer' with search fields for 'Postcode/town' and 'Search by name', and a 'Poll' asking 'If you were injured through no-fault of your own, would you go to a supermarket for legal advice?' with radio button options: 'Definitely, yes', 'Yes', 'Unsure', 'No', and 'Definitely not'. At the bottom left, there is a 'News' section with two items: '14 JUN Cuts to legal aid a "false economy"' and '10 JUN Disabled teenagers fight to save legal aid'. At the bottom right, there is a 'Help and advice' section with the text: 'Factbooks for injured people and people interested in the personal injury system.'

EXPERT DATABASE PACKAGES

Entries on the APIL expert database run on a rolling year, rather than the previous fixed year basis from 1 January through until 31 December. This means that, for anyone wishing to join the database, their listing will be valid for a full 12 months from date of processing. Experts can choose to subscribe to either the enhanced package or a standard package.

Standard package

Client details for Mr Tamas Barabas	
Firm:	BURNLEY GENERAL HOSPITAL
Job title:	Orthopaedic Surgeon
Telephone no:	07710 258 050
Fax no:	01282 801 319
Address:	Casterton Avenue Burnley Lancashire England BB10 2PQ
DX address:	
Email:	tamasbarabas@aol.com
Website:	www.yourwebsiteaddress.co.uk
Online CV:	View CV
Qualifications:	M.D. Specialist in Orthopaedic and Traumatology
Expert tier:	2nd tier: associated professional body (what does this mean)

(Standard listing online)

- **Easy search facility at www.apil.org.uk** - by typing the first three letters of an occupation/job title or filtering by name, category, sub-category or region
- **Inclusion in APIL's expert and rehabilitation services directory** – entry as above, showing name, address, job title/expertise (45 characters, including spaces)
- **Create your own user name and password** - enabling you to view and amend your details online. Once logged in you will also be able to see the number of searches that have been made by our members
- **3 tiers** – recommended by an APIL member, membership of another expert witness organisation, or any other expert who fits neither the 1st or 2nd categories
- **“APIL expert”**- opportunity to market yourself as an “APIL expert” or “Expert, Association of Personal Injury Lawyers”, along with the appropriate tier*
- **Valid for a full year** – from whenever you join
- **Web site hyperlink** to your own web site from the search results
- **Downloadable CV** – members can instantly download your CV
- **Email hyperlink** – APIL members can double click on the link to email you instantaneously
- **Ask the Expert** – take part in this discussion area where members can speak directly with experts who will be able to help them with their cases.
- **Bespoke service** - inclusion in APIL's non electronic personal service for members

* Please note that the APIL logo is used solely, on its own, for the administrative purposes of the organisation and cannot be used by experts or members. Only accredited members of APIL can use the specially designed accreditation logos.

Enhanced package

Client details for Mr Alan John Alford	
Firm:	ALAN J ALFORD & ASSOCIATES
Job title:	Consulting Engineer
Telephone no:	0333 666 1280
Fax no:	0333 666 1281
Address:	8 Priors Way Coggeshall Business Park Coggeshall Colchester Essex England CO6 1TW
DX address:	
Email:	alanjalford@aol.com
Website:	www.alanjalford.com
Online CV:	View CV
Qualifications:	BSc (1978) DIPHS (1990) LHSM (1990) MIDiag E (1989) MIEE (1978) CMIOSH (2005)
Area of expertise:	Professional Engineer & Chartered Safety Practitioner, specialising in work & leisure safety. Offers expert comment and opinion on causes of accidents, occupational ill-health & equipment failure, and on potential breaches of Regulations & Standards. Claimant: 35% Defendant: 35% SJE: 30%
Consulting address: (if different)	
Expert tier:	1st tier: APIL expert recommended by member (what does this mean)



(Enhanced listing online)

APIL's enhanced package for experts includes all items in the standard package **PLUS:**

- **Enhanced listing** - including 255 characters describing your particular areas of expertise, percentage of work acting for claimants, defendants, and as a single joint expert
- **Inclusion in APIL's Expert and Rehabilitation Services Directory** – enhanced entry as above, showing your name, address, job title/expertise (45 characters, including spaces)
- **Photograph or your logo** - you choose
- **PI Focus** – ten issues of PI Focus, APIL's monthly membership magazine – read all about what's happening at APIL including personal injury news, caselaw, reports, legal articles (COMPLIMENTARY – SUBSCRIPTION FEE VALUE £95 ALONE!)

Plus:

- **10% off the cost of advertising with APIL** - including placing adverts in PI Focus, on our website or in either of our printed membership or expert and rehabilitation services directories produced in September and May respectively.
- **20% discount off mailing list purchases** – market your services directly to our members and benefit from this enhanced expert discount.

VIEWING YOUR ENTRY/OTHER ENTRIES

The online expert database is accessible by APIL members and experts only. To see how it works please contact us for a temporary username and password.

You will see how easy it is for our members to search for appropriate experts by typing in just the first three letters of an area of expertise. They can also choose to filter by name, category, sub-category or region.

Expert database search

Keyword search

If you are looking for an expert to help you with your case, this quick and easy keyword search facility will display specialisms after you enter the first three letters.

Keyword:

eg. Psychiatry or DNA or name of expert



Example
of web

[Download an expert recommendation form](#)

TIERS

The database contains three tiers of experts:

- 1st tier - experts who have been recommended by APIL members
- 2nd tier - experts who do not yet have an APIL member reference, but are members of recognised expert witness organisations, such as the Academy of Experts
- 3rd tier - experts who fit neither the 1st or 2nd tier criteria.

CATEGORY LISTING

Adjacent to the enclosed application form is a listing of all the different APIL expert categories and subcategories. You should tick the boxes that are appropriate to your line of work.

PERSONAL SERVICE FOR APIL MEMBERS

APIL has a dedicated department ensuring the smooth running of the expert database service, providing members with suitable experts to help them with their cases. APIL gives a personal service to members who either do not have access to the web or are unsure as to what kind of expert they actually need. Many members still prefer to telephone, fax or email and we currently process around 100 searches a month in this way.

MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS

Medical practitioners are reassured that the database complies with the GMC's advertising practice rules.

APIL EXPERT DATABASE SUBSCRIPTION

Contact information

Please complete your details below:

Title: Doctor Professor Mr Mrs Miss Ms

Sex: Male Female

Name: _____

Job title: _____

GMC or GDC number (if applicable):

Qualifications: _____

Correspondence address:

Please provide details of the address at which you would like to receive all correspondence

Tel: _____ **Fax:** _____

Email: _____

Website: _____

Consulting addresses:

Please provide details for any other addresses at which you will see patients

Address: _____

Tel: _____ **Fax:** _____

Professional witness organisations:

(Please indicate which organisation you belong to for our internal audit purposes)

Law Society checked expert Expert Witness Institute

Society of Expert Witnesses Academy of Experts

Others (please specify): _____

Details of particular areas of expertise/interest

Please expand upon your expertise, up to 255 characters in total including spaces.

Approximate percentage of work: ___ % claimant ___ % defendant ___ % SJE

APIL referee

Please provide contact details of an APIL member for whom you have worked, and APIL will contact the APIL member for a reference to increase your tier rating.

Name: _____ Firm: _____

How did you hear about the APIL Expert Database? _____

Payment

Please place my details on the APIL expert witness database:

Enhanced package - £180.00 inc. VAT Standard package - £90.00 inc. VAT

By cheque

I attach a cheque made payable to APIL for the amount of £ _____

Or by credit/debit card

Access/Eurocard/MasterCard/Visa/Delta/American Express/Switch (delete as appropriate)

***A £2.50 card transaction fee will be charged on all credit card payments**

I authorise you to debit the above card account with the amount of £ _____

My card number is:

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CSC number (last 3 digits on the back)			
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Issue number (if applicable)		
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Start date of card					Expiry date of card				
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Name (as on card) _____ Signature _____

Cardholder's address

Postcode									
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BACS payments will not be accepted

Verification

I confirm that the information contained on this form, is correct and my expertise and categories accurately reflect my expertise. Please create a record on the APIL expert database with this information.

Expert signature _____ Dated _____

From time to time we may send you details of other related courses or offers. If you do not wish to receive such mailings, please check this box:

Please **enclose your CV** and photo/logo* (**enhanced package only*) in paper or electronic format and return the completed form, including category selection and payment to:
The Expert Database, APIL, 3 Alder Court, Rennie Hogg Road, Nottingham, NG2 1RX,
DX 716208 Nottingham 42 or email it through to experts@apil.org.uk.

Expert database categories subdivided by type. Please indicate your areas of expertise with a in the appropriate boxes.

Accidents, investigation, reconstruction,

automotive, aviation, marine

- Accident
 - Reconstruction
 - Investigation
 Assessors
 Automobile damage appraisal
 Automotive
 Aviation
 Detective agencies
 Diving / underwater
 Engineering
 Fire & explosion
 Health / safety
 Highways
 Investigators
 Loss Adjusters
 Marine
 Military
 Noise & Vibration
 Noise Nuisance
 Photography
 Safety engineers
 Seat belts / airbags
Transport
 - Public
 - Tachographs
 Tyres
 Vehicle examination

Agricultural, environmental, animals

- Agricultural
 - Consultants
 - Crops
 - Livestock
 - Management
 Agricultural Property Valuations
 Animal nutrition
Animals
 - Arboriculture
 - Environmental
 - Equine / horses
 - Forestry
 - Veterinary

Architectural, surveying, buildings

- Architectural

- Building
 - Construction
 - Defects / Quantum
 Cement and concrete
 Construction
 Flooring
 Health / safety
 Heating services
Surveyors
 - Quantity
 - Chartered
 - Valuation Surveyor
 - Disabled Housing needs
 Town Planner – chartered

Computing/technology

- Communications
Computers
 - Engineering
 - Design / software
 - Imagery analysis
 Music and technology
 Security consultants
 Telephone / Radio
 Video services

Costs drafting

- Law costs draftsmen

Education, employment

- Education
 - Educational needs
 - Psychology
 - Teaching
Employment
 - Disability
 - Earnings
 - Human resources
 - Vocational rehab / training
 - Occupational psychology

**Engineering, electrical, factories,
acoustic, materials**

- Acoustic
Electrical
 - Electrical chartered
 - Products
 Electronic engineering

Engineering

- Bicycle
 - Biomedical
 - Biomechanical
 - Chemical
 - Civil
 - Consulting
 - Electrical
 - Forensic
 - Highway
 - Industrial
 - Mechanical
 - Motor
 - Safety
 - Structural / Geo

Failure investigation

- Food & drink
 Health / safety
 Lifts / escalators
 Materials handling
 Materials science
 Materials testing
 Metallurgy
 Mining
 Noise & vibration
 Occupational health

Financial

- Accounting
 - Banking
 - Bankruptcy
 - Debt Insolvency
 - Financial services
 - Forensic
 Actuarial
 Banking
 Certified financial planner
 Chartered financial planner
 Earnings
 Economists
Insurance
 - After the event
 - Before the event
 - Professional indemnity
 - Brokering
 - Specialist services
 - Trusts
 Periodical payments

- Special damage calculations
 Statistics
 Taxation

Health, safety, occupational

- Engineering
 Ergonomics
 Health / safety
 Fire safety
 Occupational health/safety/hygiene
 Public health/hygiene
 Violence reduction/physical restraint

Medical, Ex. surgery and Paediatrics

- Accident and emergency
 Allergy & immunology
 Anaesthesia
 Audio logical (ENT)
 Brain injury assessment and case management
 Cardiology
 Chest Physician
 Chiropody / podiatry
 Dermatology
 Diabetes and endocrinology
 Endocrinology
 Fertility
 Gastroenterology/intestinal
 General Practitioners
 Genetics
 Genitourinary
 Geriatrics
 Gynaecology
 Haematology/blood
 Hepatic / pancreatic / biliary
 Histopathology
 Integrated medicine
 Mental Health
 Midwifery
 Nephrology
 Neurology
 Neurophthalmology
 Neuropathology
 Neurophysiology
 Neuro psychology
 Neuropsychiatry
 Neuro radiology

- Obstetrics
- Occupational physician
- Odontology (forensic)
- Oncology
- Ophthalmology
- Orthopaedic physician (not surgery)
- Osteopathy
- Pain management
- Pathology
- Physicians (consultants)
- Psychiatry
- Psychology
- Pulmonary physiology
- Radiology
- Rehabilitation
- Renal
- Respiratory
- Rheumatology
- Scanning
- Skin camouflage / remedial / cosmetic
- Speech and Language

Paediatrics

- Accident and emergency
- Haematology
- Neonatology
- Neurology
- Ophthalmology
- Orthopaedics
- Paediatrics general
- Paediatric neurology
- Paediatric neurosurgery
- Respiratory
- Speech and Language

Nursing, care, therapies

Care

- Assessment
- Community

- Costings
- Equipment
- Occupational therapy
- Case management
- Chemotherapy
- Chiropractic
- Complementary & alternative medicine
- Hypnosis / Hypnotherapy
- Nursing
- Medical consultancies / agencies
- Medical records
- Medical photography
- Occupational therapy
- Psychotherapy
- Physiotherapy
- Social work
- Speech therapy
- Trichology/hair

Science and bioscience specialisms

- Biomedical engineering / biomechanics
- Chemistry & Chemicals
- Chemical pathology
- Chemical consultants
- Chemical Engineer
- Chemist
- Chemist and Consultant Engineer
- DNA
- Document examination
- Drugs
- Entomology
- Epidemiology / statistics
- Failure investigation
- Fingerprints/footprints identification
- Firearms and ballistics
- Food & drink
- Glass
- Handwriting / ESDA
- Lie detection-Polygraph

- Materials handling
- Materials science
- Materials testing
- Metallurgy
- Meteorology
- Microbiology
- Paints, polymers & coatings
- Pharmacology
- Pharmaceutical
- Physician
- Polymers science
- Product safety
- Scientists
- Virology
- Toxicology

Sport

- Health /safety
- Karate and martial arts
- Physical education
- Sports & Recreation Injuries
- Sports facilities
- Skiing / water skiing
- Trampoline

Surgery/surgeons

- Autopsy
- Biliary
- Cardiac
- Cardio – thoracic
- Cardiovascular
- Colo – rectal Proctology
- Cosmetic / plastic / reconstructive
- Dentistry and oral
- Ear / nose / throat / head / neck (ENT)
- General
- Genito – urinary
- Microsurgery
- Oncology

- Ophthalmic
- Oral – maxillofacial
- Orthodontics
- Orthopaedic surgery
 - Ankle
 - Foot
 - Hand
 - Hip
 - Knee
 - Lower limb
 - Pelvic
 - Shoulder
 - Spinal
 - Trauma
 - Upper limb
 - Wrist

Neurosurgery

- Renal
- Spinal
- Trauma
- Urology
- Vascular
- Vibration injuries

Other

Abuse

- Child
- Drugs
- Anthropology / cultural / religion
- Arbitration services
- Barristers
- Interpreting / translation
- Lawyers (overseas experience)
- Mediation services
- Mobility advice / driving
- Orthotics / Orthopaedic footwear
- Prosthetic and orthotic devices
- Secretarial/typing

Please enclose your CV and photo/logo* (*full package only) in paper or electronic format and send to the APIL office

