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Wednesday, 13 – Friday, 15 May

## PROGRAMME\*

### Wednesday, 13 May 2026

7.30pm – 11.00pm **Informal Welcome Reception**  
Lakeside Suite

### Thursday, 14 May 2026

8.45am – 9.30am **Registration and refreshments**  
*Fabric bags kindly sponsored by Deka Chambers*



9.30am – 9.35am **Welcome to the conference**  
Morning chair: Suzanne Trask, APIL EC Member, Setfords & Legal Studio

9.35am – 10.25am **Panel session: Resolving without the courtroom - ADR in personal injury and clinical negligence cases**  
Chaired by Paul Balen, Trust Mediation Ltd, London  
Panellists: Laura Johnson KC, Deka Chambers, London  
Frances McCarthy, Past APIL President, Pattinson & Brewer, London  
Matthew Stockwell, Barrister, Exchange Chambers, Past APIL President, Liverpool

10.25am – 11.15am **Mobility equipment for incomplete spinal cord injury and complex injuries**  
Speakers: Laura Bochkoltz, Director and Chartered Physiotherapist, Laura Bochkoltz and Associates, Princes Risborough  
Bruno Gil, Barrister, Old Square Chambers, London

11.15am – 11.45am **Mid-morning break**

11.45am – 12.15pm **APIL Annual General Meeting**  
Mike Benner - APIL CEO, Nottingham  
Gordon Dalyell - APIL Treasurer, Digby Brown LLP, Edinburgh  
Brett Dixon - APIL Secretary, Moncrieff & Associates Ltd, Clitheroe  
Matthew Tuff – Outgoing APIL President, Moore Barlow LLP, Richmond-upon-Thames

12.15pm – 1.00pm **Panel session: Cauda Equina Syndrome**  
Chaired by: Rob Horner, Barrister, Deka Chambers, London  
Panellists: Alex Dabek, Member of the Conference Planning Committee, Bolt Burdon Kemp, London  
Matthew Newton-Ede, Consultant Spinal Surgeon, Royal Orthopaedic Hospital, Birmingham  
Dr David Wilson, Consultant Musculoskeletal Radiologist, St Luke's Radiology, Oxford

## Thursday, 14 May 2026 continued...

- 1.00pm – 2.00pm**     **Lunch break**
- 2.00pm – 2.05pm**     **Welcome back**  
Afternoon chair: Jessica Bowles, Member of the Conference Planning Committee and Joint Coordinator of APIL's Spinal Cord Injury SIG, Irwin Mitchell LLP, London
- 2.05pm – 2.50pm**     **The benefits of obtaining enhanced imaging**  
Speaker: Professor David Sharp, Professor of Neurology, Imperial College, London
- 2.50pm – 3.30pm**     **Challenges of obtaining evidence on mild TBI**  
Speaker: William Chapman, 7BR, London
- 3.30pm – 4.00pm**     **Mid-afternoon break**
- 4.00pm – 5.00pm**     **Mock cross examination: Care**  
Speakers: Ben Bradley KC, Outer Temple Chambers, London  
Heidi Stanley, Director and Case Manager, StanleySmith Case Managers, Devon
- 5.00pm**                 **Close of Thursday conference**
- 7.30pm – 8.00pm**     **Pre-dinner drinks**  
*Thursday evening kindly sponsored by Guildhall Chambers*
- 8.00pm – 1.00am**     **Dinner dance**  
With live entertainment from Steve McGill



## Friday, 15 May 2026

- 9.00am – 9.30am**     **Registration and refreshments**
- 9.30am – 9.35am**     **Welcome to day two**  
Chaired by: Victoria Oliver, Member of the Conference Planning Committee and Joint Coordinator of APIL's Spinal Cord Injury SIG, Bolt Burdon Kemp, London
- 9.35am – 10.20am**     **The client's journey**  
Speakers: Allison Whitehorn, CESCO, New Milton  
Ed Ashley Carter, Client of Irwin Mitchell LLP
- 10.20am – 11.00am**     **Women's sexual health**  
Speaker: Nicola Greaney KC, 39 Essex Street, London
- 11.00am – 11.30am**     **Mid-morning break**



## Friday, 15 May 2026 continued...

### **11.30am - 11.35am Welcome back**

Afternoon chair: Kelly Lingard, Member of the Conference Planning Committee, Irwin Mitchell LLP, Sheffield

### **11.35am – 12.15pm Provisional damages and PPOs**

Speakers: Steven Snowden KC, 12KBW, London  
Ed Tomlinson, Head of Advice, PI & COP Division, Shackleton Advisers, Sheffield

### **12.15pm – 1.00pm Artificial intelligence**

Speakers: Georgia Briscoe, Managing Director, Medical Law Services, Fletchers, Southport  
Noah Milton, Director of AI, Fletchers, Southport

### **1.00pm – 2.00pm JPIL case and comment**

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Speakers: Brett Dixon, APIL Secretary and JPIL Case and Digest Editor, Scott Moncrieff & Associates, Clitheroe  
John McQuater, APIL EC Member and Deputy Case and Digest Editor, Switalskis Solicitors Ltd, Doncaster  
Professor Rachael Mulheron KC FBA, JPIL General Editor, Queen Mary University Hospital of London  
Nathan Tavares KC, JPIL Board Member, Outer Temple Chambers, London



**2.00pm Close of conference**

**2.00pm – 2.45pm Choice of sit-down or takeaway lunch**

**Accreditation:**  
APIL – all levels

**CPD:**  
Day one: 5 hours  
Day two: 4 hours  
TOTAL: 9 hours