



# NEW LEADERS READY TO TAKE THE REIGNS AT APIL

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Three industry leaders will take on key roles at the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers' annual conference today (10 April).

New president Amanda Stevens will lead the association for the next 12 months, taking over from Martin Bare. Amanda is partner and head of personal injury at Charles Russell LLP's Guildford office and her work includes occupational disease, catastrophic injury and clinical negligence cases. She has a particular interest in health and safety issues and plays a key role in APIL's work to promote the use of rehabilitation. Amanda also represents APIL on the International Underwriting Association's 'rehab' working party.

Taking over the role of vice president is John McQuater, partner and head of personal injury and clinical negligence at Doncaster firm, Atherton Godfrey. John delivers APIL training courses and helps to devise courses on procedure, management topics, occupiers' liability and contributory negligence. He also provides regular personal injury updates to APIL members and is an author in the 'APIL guide' series of books.

Christopher Limb, a barrister at Young Street Chambers in Manchester, takes on the position of APIL treasurer. Christopher is one of the chamber's founder members and heads the civil litigation team. He is a founder member of the Northern Circuit Medical Law Association.

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Note to editors:

- APIL (Association of Personal Injury Lawyers) was established in 1990 by a group of lawyers working on behalf of personal injury victims and now has more than 5,000 members. APIL campaigns for improvements in the law to help people who are injured or become ill through no fault of their own.

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A full copy of new APIL president, Amanda Stevens' speech will be forwarded later today.

Further information can also be found at the organisation's website- [www.apil.org.uk](http://www.apil.org.uk)