

APIL WELCOMES NEW PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT

John McQuater will today take the reigns in a year-long post as president of the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL).

John, a partner at Atherton Godfrey in Doncaster, was elected to the APIL executive committee in 2005 and became vice president in 2008. He is a member of the Professional Negligence Lawyers Association, the Law Management Section of the Law Society and the South Yorkshire Medico-Legal Society.

"Being appointed president of APIL is an honour, and the best job someone practicing in personal injury law could have," he said.

John is highly regarded as a professional trainer on a range of subjects including procedure, practice management, occupiers' liability, contributory negligence, and clinical negligence.

Stepping into the role of vice-president is Muiris Lyons, head of personal injury at the London office of Stewarts Law. He specialises in catastrophic injury claims and medical law, and is a member of the Law Society clinical negligence panel.

Muiris is the general editor of the Journal of Personal Injury Law (JPIL) and a contributing editor to Kemp & Kemp, as well as contributing to a number of other journals and textbooks.

APIL's secretary, Stephen Lawson, of Forshaws in Cheshire, will continue in his post along with treasurer Christopher Limb, a barrister at Young Street Chambers in Manchester.

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