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NEW FACES JOIN APIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Two newcomers have been voted on to APIL's executive committee, the association announced this week.

Jane Horton, a partner at Irwin Mitchell's Leeds office, and Gordon Dalyell, a partner at Digby Brown's Edinburgh office, won places on the committee following the association's annual ballot.

Jane, who specialises in brain and spinal cord injury cases and is a former co-ordinator of APIL's special interest group on damages, said she was determined to fight to preserve a legal system in which all lawyers can achieve proper compensation for their clients.

"I am delighted to join the APIL Executive," she said. "As a claimant lawyer and APIL member for the last 20 years my key focus is to ensure the best possible outcome for clients - both from a rehabilitation and damages perspective. We are about to embark upon a period of significant change and I am looking forward to working with APIL to ensure that victims of negligence are protected."

Gordon takes his place as the association's representative for Scotland. A member of APIL since 1997, Gordon is an accredited specialist in personal injury law with the Law Society of Scotland, and is a solicitor-advocate.

"There are a number of challenging issues for personal injury practitioners in Scotland, arising from the Gill proposals and from the Jackson review in England, as well as proposed changes to business structures. It is important that APIL continues to put forward the views of the Scottish membership and I am privileged that I have an opportunity to contribute to that process."

Stuart Kightley of Osbornes in London, and Liverpool barrister, Matthew Stockwell, were re-elected to the executive for a further three years.

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