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New faces on APIL's executive committee

Two new faces have been elected onto the executive committee of the not-for-profit Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL).

John Spencer, of CS2 Lawyers Ltd in Basingstoke, and Martin Hanna, of Francis Hanna & Co, Belfast, won places on the committee following the association's annual ballot.

John has been a member of APIL since 1995 and a Fellow since April 2006. He is a Law Society PI panel member and was chairman of the Motor Accident Solicitors Society (MASS) and is a director of RTA Portal Co.

"I will seek to preserve and promote the highest professional standards in this period of unparalleled change, in which I believe standards are under serious threat," he said. "I am honoured and delighted to be selected to serve APIL on its executive committee."

Martin, who has been an APIL member since 1994, is the son of one of APIL's founding members, Frank Hanna. He has been a partner with Francis Hanna & Company since 1999 having practiced there since 1994.

"APIL is dedicated to fighting for fair redress, and I'm very proud to be elected to the executive committee," said Martin. "My key focus for the next three years is to raise and promote all the relevant issues for injured people in Northern Ireland."

Neil Sugarman, of GLP Solicitors, Manchester, Jonathan Wheeler, of Bolt, Burdon Kemp, London, Cenric Clement-Evans, of Hugh James, Cardiff, and Mark Turnbull, of Thompsons Solicitors, Liverpool, were all re-elected to the executive committee for a further three years.

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