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## **BIG HITTERS JOIN APIL NATIONAL EXECUTIVE**

It's all change on the executive committee of the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers, following APIL's spring conference and annual general meeting.

Patrick Allen takes over from Frances McCarthy as the association's president, with David Marshall as vice president, Mark Harvey continuing in his role as secretary, and Allan Gore taking on the role of treasurer.

And additional heavy-hitters have been voted in as additional officers by the APIL members.

Mark Turnbull has acted exclusively for claimants at Thompsons for more than eight years, and is co-ordinator of APIL's special interest group on procedure. He is committed to defending injured people against challenges from the insurance industry on issues such as costs and asbestos litigation.

Jane Williams, a partner at East Midlands-based firm Freethcartwright, works exclusively in the field of catastrophic injury and clinical negligence, with a particular interest in brain injury litigation. She joined the firm in 1993 and is now a familiar face on local television, having been at the forefront of several high-profile group actions.

Fred Tyler joins the executive as representative for Scotland, having been secretary and then co-ordinator of APIL Scotland for the past six years. Senior litigation partner at Balfour & Manson in Edinburgh, Fred is an assessor for the personal injury panel in Scotland, solicitor to Edinburgh Headway and a member of the Coulsfield committee, set up by the Lord President of the Court of Session in Scotland to look at reform of personal injury procedure.

Fred firmly believes that each of the UK jurisdictions can benefit from the experiences of the others and that he can make a valuable contribution to APIL nationally while continuing to develop and expand the organisation and its aims north of the border.

Robert Martin, a partner at McAteer & Co in Belfast, is Northern Ireland representative on the committee. Robert has played a vital role in the development of the association in this jurisdiction, and has contributed to APIL's consultation responses on the civil justice review programme, the criminal injuries review, legal aid review and county court costs review. He has committed to the development of an affordable and effective Continuing Professional Development programme for personal injury practitioners in Northern Ireland.

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