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LAWYERS BECOME LUVVIES FOR HIGH-PROFILE MEDIATION MASTERCLASS

Lawyers from both sides of the personal injury fence will turn their hands to acting in a mediation ‘masterclass’ on Thursday, April 10.

The sell-out event, hosted by the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL) and the Forum of Insurance Lawyers (FOIL) will help both claimant and defendant solicitors explore which types of personal injury claim may be suitable for mediation.

“This is not the first time our two organisations have joined forces to try to make personal injury litigation more user-friendly and efficient for both claimants and defendants,” said APIL president, Patrick Allen.

“Although we don’t always necessarily see eye to eye, we do make every effort to foster a spirit of co-operation which reflects the post-Woolf world.”

The Association of District Judges, Lord Chancellors Department and the insurance industry will all be represented in the audience, alongside claimant and defendant practitioners.

The evening will take the form of a case study, demonstrated through role play, and will be chaired by Master Robert Turner. The mediation process will be undertaken by professional mediator Gary MacFarlane, the injured ‘claimant’ will be played by a professional actress, who will be assisted by a cast of enthusiastic amateur thespians from APIL and FOIL.

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“The masterclass has been designed to show practitioners, insurers and the judiciary the benefits and problems of mediation,” said FOIL president Jason Rowley. “Mediation can be a very valuable tool for practitioners, which is why we will be playing to a packed house on Thursday.”

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Note to editors: Journalists are invited to attend the mediation masterclass, which will take place on Thursday, April 10, between 6pm and 8.30pm at the British Library in London. If you wish to attend, please contact APIL press officer, Jo Garner, at the number below, by Wednesday, April 9.

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