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LAWYERS TAKE ON HIGH PROFILE ROLES AT APIL

Four leading figures in the personal injury world will today take on high profile roles within the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL).

Heading the 5000-strong organisation is newly elected president Colin Ettinger. Ettinger is a partner at Irwin Mitchell's London office, and has been practising personal injury law for almost 28 years. He is a member of the Personal Injury Panel and the Panel of Solicitors for the Office of Supervision of Solicitors. Ettinger is also a patron of road safety campaigning organisation RoadPeace.

Stepping into the role of vice president is Allan Gore QC, of King's Bench Walk chambers in London. Gore has been a barrister member of APIL since its foundation and specialises in accident, disease and medical cases. He is a member of the executive committee of the Personal Injury Bar Association (PIBA), and a member of the Professional Negligence Bar Association.

Roger Bolt, head of personal injury at London firm Bolt Burdon, takes over as treasurer of APIL. Bolt has been a member of the association's executive committee since 1997. He is a member and assessor on the Law Society's Personal Injury Panel, area committee chairman of the Legal Services Commission, and a member of the Legal Services Commission Costs Appeals Committee.

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New to the APIL executive committee is Stephen Lawson, a partner at Warrington firm Foreshaws. A member of APIL for the last 11 years, Lawson has also been a member of the Legal Aid Funding review Appeal Committee for 14 years. Lawson has lectured regularly for the past ten years for the Law Society, Central Law Training and Liverpool Law Society.

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