

TOP ACCOLADE FOR TWO APIL LAWYERS

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Two leading personal injury lawyers have joined only nine other practitioners in the country to have gained 'senior fellow' status within APIL's national accreditation scheme.

Colin Ettinger, head of Irwin Mitchell's personal injury group in London, and Hilary Meredith, who runs her own practice, Hilary Meredith Solicitors, were both recognised for their outstanding contributions within the personal injury field.

An independent assessment panel judges all applicants within the association's scheme. The panel particularly commended Colin's contribution to the promotion of rehabilitation in personal injury cases, and Hilary was commended for her work with military personnel and their relatives.

Chief executive Denise Kitchener said both had played a significant role in bringing justice to injured people, and their dedication and commitment was above and beyond the call of duty.

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Note to editors:

Senior fellow assessment panel 2007

Richard de Friend, College of Law

Roger Goodier, retired practitioner

John Randall, independent quality assurance consultant

John Melville Williams QC

- APIL (Association of Personal Injury Lawyers) was established in 1990 by a group of lawyers working on behalf of personal injury victims and now has more than 5,000 members. APIL campaigns for improvements in the law to help people who are injured or become ill through no fault of their own.

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