15 July 2011

Dear Member

APIL NEW TO PI MEMBERSHIP GROUP - AN INVITATION

We would like to invite you to attend the forthcoming New to PI membership group meeting which is taking place at The Bloomsbury Hotel:

Date: Tuesday, 20 September 2011

Time: 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Venue: The Bloomsbury Hotel
16-22 Great Russell Street, London WC1B 3NN

We are pleased to welcome **Patrick Allen and Frances McCarthy** who will be speaking at the meeting. Please see the enclosed flyer for further details on the speakers and topics and how to register.

This meeting has been accredited with 1CPD hour, reference 2027/APIL.

If you have not yet been to an APIL New to PI membership group meeting, please do try to attend as they are an invaluable source of information and an excellent chance to network. Members wishing to bring along a guest may do so at the cost of £15.00 + VAT per guest. Each guest must be sympathetic to the aims of the association and considering taking up membership themselves. Numbers are limited and therefore members will take precedence.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Yours sincerely

Lorna Buckwell
Co-ordinator

Laura Murphy
Secretary

APIL NEW TO PI MEMBERSHIP GROUP
TUESDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER 2011

"Making a success of your career in PI"

By Patrick Allen, Senior Partner, Hodge, Jones & Allen

Patrick was an articled clerk with London West End law firm, Offenbach & Co, from 1973-1976 where he dealt with crime, family and civil liberties cases.

Towards the end of his training in 1976, Patrick planned the formation of a law firm with Henry Hodge and Peter Jones. Hodge & Jones opened its doors on Camden High Street in September 1977 and became Hodge Jones & Allen in December 1977 when Patrick was admitted as a solicitor.

From the start, Patrick has been the firm's Managing Partner and has combined this with the role of Senior Partner following Henry's retirement in 1998. Patrick has managed the firms' expansion from 4 to 190 staff over the last 33 years and a big move to new premises in Euston in 2007.

Patrick specialises in complex personal injury and multi-party cases and fatal accident claims. He was the leader of the HJA team managing Gulf War illness claims for UK veterans and the New Cross Fire inquest. He has also managed the MMR and Sheep Dip multi-party actions and played a lead role in the King's Cross Fire and Marchioness Litigation on behalf of claimants.

Patrick has a long standing involvement with the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL), joining the Executive Committee in 1992. He was President of APIL 2002-2003 and APIL Law Society Council Member 2002-2006.

Patrick sits as a Deputy District Judge and is a member of the Law Society Civil Justice Committee.

"How to run your own case management conference"

By Frances McCarthy, Managing Partner & Head of Personal Injury, Pattinson & Brewer

Frances McCarthy is managing partner of Pattinson & Brewer where she heads up the personal injury department. She is the past president of the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers and is a former member of the Civil Justice Council.

She is qualified CEDR mediator and jointly with Tim Wallis mediated various costs issues at the request of the Civil Justice Council including the levels of success fees to be claimed in personal injury cases. She helped to set up Trust Mediation with Tim Wallis, Sir Henry Brook and others.

She is a Senior Fellow of APIL and a member of Lord Woolf's working party which developed the personal injury pre-action protocols.

She lectures and publishes frequently and is on the Editorial Board of the Journal of Personal Injury Law and is the joint editor of APIL Personal Injury Law Practice and Precedents. She contributes to Jordans Civil Court Service.

FOLLOWED BY:

To be confirmed, APIL EC Officer, giving an update on: *"Current EC activities within APIL"*

Chaired by:

Lorna Buckwell, Thompson Snell & Passmore, APIL New to PI membership group co-ordinator
Laura Murphy, Irwin Mitchell LLP, APIL New to PI membership group secretary

Teas, coffees and pastries will be served. Members wishing to bring along a guest may do so at the cost of £15.00 + VAT per guest. Please complete the slip below and return it to the APIL office.

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Please reserve a place at the above meeting for:

Name: …….. Membership number: …….....

Firm/chambers: ……..

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