

13 January 2012

Dear Member

## **APIL CHILD ABUSE GROUP - AN INVITATION**

We would like to invite you to attend the forthcoming child abuse special interest group meeting which is taking place at The Kingsway Hall Hotel:

Date: Wednesday, 29 February 2012

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Venue: The Kingsway Hall Hotel  
66 Great Queen Street, Covent Garden, London WC2B 5BX

We are pleased to welcome **Vera Baird QC** and **Laura Begley** 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. Established practising barristers can count this 1 hour towards their unaccredited CPD allowance.

If you have not yet been to an APIL child abuse special interest 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.

## **APIL/ACAL child abuse conference 2012**

Following the success of last year's child abuse conference, we are delighted to announce details of the 2012 event, which is being held in conjunction with ACAL. This event will take place on **Friday, 22 June 2012 in London** and it will be presented by a whole host of speakers, who will bring you up to date in this fast moving area of litigation, via a mixture of lectures and workshops. [Please click here for further details](#) or [BOOK ONLINE NOW!](#)

The full conference programme is currently being finalised but we would ask you to keep your eye out on the [APIL training website](#) for further details.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Yours sincerely

Paul Durkin  
Co-ordinator

Tracey Storey  
Secretary

**APIL CHILD ABUSE SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP  
WEDNESDAY, 29 FEBRUARY 2012**

***“Rape Cases: Compensation Matters”***

**Speakers:**



**By Vera Baird QC, Writer, Lecturer, Parliamentary Consultant, Co-Director: Astraea: Gender Justice**

Vera Baird QC is a Practising Queen’s Counsel specialising in criminal work. She is Co-Director of Astraea Research and a Lecturer and Writer.

Vera was MP for Redcar between 2001 and 2010 and became a Minister in the Labour Government in 2006. In 2007, she became Solicitor General. In that post she conducted a number of criminal appeals and unduly lenient sentence cases and advised extensively on a wide range of legal issues and problems. Her areas of legal work included all aspects of criminal law, equality and discrimination, public law, public international law, EU law, devolution issues, charity law and a range of others. The Solicitor General also plays a role in integrated policy development within government and Vera was particularly involved in criminal justice policy and legislation and with gender and equalities policy. She was the Lead Minister with responsibility for taking the Equality Act 2010, the Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Act 2008 and played an assisting role in the passage of the Company Law Reform Act 2007. She was instrumental in the establishment of the Stern Review into how rape complaints are handled by the public authorities.

***“CICA Claims of sexual assault/child abuse”***



**By Laura Begley, Barrister, 9 Gough Square**

Laura is a specialist Personal Injury and Clinical Negligence practitioner. Her Personal Injury practice is mostly Claimant based and she has particular expertise in employer’s liability claims and criminal injuries compensation claims. She is regularly instructed by major Trade Union firms in disease claims including asbestos related litigation and deafness as well as manual handling and more general accidents at work claims.

**FOLLOWED BY:**

**Jonathan Wheeler, APIL Fellow & EC Officer**

**Speaking on: “Current EC activities within APIL”**

**Chaired by:**

**Paul Durkin, Abney Garsden McDonald, APIL child abuse special interest group co-ordinator**

**Tracey Storey, Irwin Mitchell LLP, APIL child abuse special interest group secretary**

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Please reserve a place at the above meeting for:

Name: ..... Membership number: .....

Firm/chambers: .....

Please return to Kelly Barton at APIL, Unit 3, Alder Court, Rennie Hogg Road, Nottingham.  
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