

04 April 2012

Dear Member

APIL NORTH EAST REGIONAL GROUP - AN INVITATION

We would like to invite you to attend the forthcoming North East regional group meeting which is taking place at St James Park:

Date: Wednesday, 25 April 2012

Time: 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Venue: St James Park
Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE1 LST

We are pleased to welcome **Amanda Ashton** and **Nigel Tomkins** who will both be speaking at the meeting. Please see the enclosed flyer for further details on the speaker and topic 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 North East regional 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.

Forthcoming training in your area (please click the below links for further details):

27 April 2012 [Advanced public liability](#), Newcastle

7 June 2012 [Accidents at work 2012](#), Newcastle

12 July 2012 [The law of damages](#), Newcastle

We look forward to seeing you there!

Yours sincerely

Joanne Willits
Co-ordinator

Sarah Morse
Secretary

**APIL NORTH EAST REGIONAL GROUP
WEDNESDAY, 25 APRIL 2012**

“Maximising Profit From Costs Now and in a Post Jackson Era”

Speakers:



By Amanda Ashton, Company Director, Compass Costs

Amanda is Chairman of the Board of Directors of Compass Costs Consultants Limited and joined the company as Operations Director in 2003. Amanda's background includes time spent in key roles within legal practice, claims management and insurance companies.

As well as her duties to the board Amanda heads up the Litigation and Advocacy Team at Compass. She specialises in complex costs litigation and recovery of high value costs litigated under CFA's and ATE premiums.

Amanda also advises a number of national trade unions and leading UK Legal Expenses Insurance providers on documentation, solicitor panel retention and recovery of ATE premiums.

“Some Recent Cases of Interest”



By Nigel Tomkins, APIL EC Officer

Nigel Tomkins is an executive committee member and fellow of the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers. He is also the digest editor of JPIL, the Journal of Personal Injury Law.

Formerly associate professor of civil litigation with the College of Law and consultant director of APIL Training, Nigel is an independent training and legal consultant and a working consultant with Freeth Cartwright LLP, Nottingham. Nigel has over three decades of experience as a specialist personal injury lawyer.

Nigel was a working party member on Lord Woolf's civil justice review and is a co-author of the Pre-Action Protocols on Personal Injury and Occupational Disease. He was the original author of the chapter on "Pre Action Protocols and the New Culture" in the Law Society of England and Wales' Civil Litigation Handbook. Published works include the TUC Guide "How to Win an RSI Compensation Claim", "CFAs and Risk Assessment in Practice" with Claire Edwards, the "APIL Guide to Accidents at Work" with Matthew Stockwell and Michael Humphreys. He has been a contributing author to "The Source Book on Asbestos Diseases".

Nigel has published many articles related to personal injury litigation. He provides training to law firms throughout Great Britain. He lectures, advises and trains widely on a variety of legal, health and safety and other subjects throughout the British Isles. He has also spoken at a number of international conferences in Europe and the USA.

ALSO FOLLOWED BY:

Nigel Tomkins, APIL EC Officer, giving an update on *“Current EC activities within APIL”*

Chaired by:

Joanne Willits, Sintons, APIL North East regional group co-ordinator

Sarah Morse, University of Northumbria, APIL North East regional group secretary

Teas and coffees 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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