

17 January 2013

Dear Member

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP INVITATION TO A SPECIAL EVENT

We would like to invite you to attend the forthcoming **occupational health special interest group event** which is taking place at the Bloomsbury Hotel in central London:

Date: Thursday, 31 January 2013

Time: 3:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

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

You will see from the attached agenda that our usual meeting has been extended considerably to allow for a presentation and discussion by **President, Karl Tonks and Head of Communications, Lorraine Gwinnutt**, along with ourselves, on the proposed reform of mesothelioma claims and portal. This is of particular importance to asbestos practitioners and concerns defendant/insurer intentions to establish a mesothelioma portal. This will be followed by a short break to allow time to discuss informally and network.

Sudhanshu Swaroop (Junior Counsel) and Jack Lancer (Consultant ENT Surgeon) are our guest speakers for the second part of the meeting.

As an APIL member you will already be aware of the immense changes that are coming in April. We are now calling on more personal injury lawyers to help us in our fight to make legal reform fair and maintain access to justice. Bring your colleagues along to the meeting so that they can get an insight into our work and decide whether to join. New members of APIL will receive nearly 15 months membership for the price of 12 and enjoy all the benefits that APIL offers.

There is a small attendance charge of £15.00 + VAT for this meeting, please see below on how to book.

This meeting has been accredited with 2 CPD hours, reference 2027/APIL. Established practising barristers can count **1 hour towards their unaccredited CPD allowance**.

Forthcoming APIL training

Friday, 25 January 2013 [Running cases post March 2013](#), London – Brand new conference!
**INCLUDES THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS ON THE MESOTHELIOMA
PROTOCOL AND THE ENTERPRISE BILL**

We look forward to seeing you there!

Yours sincerely

Stephen Glynn
Co-ordinator

Daniel Easton
Secretary

APIL'S EXTRAORDINARY OCCUPATIONAL SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP MEETING

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PROGRAMME

Thursday, 31 January:

- 15:15 – 15:30 Registration and refreshments
- 15:30 – 17:30 **Welcome to the APIL extraordinary occupational health special interest group meeting**
*Chairs: Stephen Glynn, Occupational Health SIG Coordinator
Daniel Easton, Occupational Health SIG Secretary*
- Mesothelioma claims (reform) and Portal – Insurers trying another way**
*Speakers: Karl Tonks, APIL President
Lorraine Gwinnutt, APIL Head of Communications*
- 17:30 - 18:00 Refreshment break & a buffet will be served
- 18:00 – 18:45 **Asbestos corporate liabilities: Chandler and Beyond**
Speaker: Sudhanshu Swaroop, Junior Counsel, 20 Essex Street
- 18:45 – 19:30 **25 years as an expert – what I have learned**
How things have changed over the years coming to the Coles paper to include an interactive discussion on some points that Jack has encountered with regards to noise-induced hearing loss (NIHL)
Speaker: Jack Lancer, Consultant ENT Surgeon, Park Hill Hospital
- 19:30 – 20:00 **Current activities within APIL**

Teas, coffees and a buffet will be served. There is a small attendance charge of £15.00 + VAT for this meeting.

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Please reserve a place at the above meeting for:

Name: Membership number:

Firm/chambers:

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Speakers:

Karl Tonks, APIL President

Karl Tonks is the President of not-for-profit campaign group the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL).

A solicitor with more than 20 years' experience, Karl has particular expertise in accidents at work and industrial disease.

Karl completed his law degree at Manchester University and then attended Guildford College of Law.

He is a partner at Fentons Solicitors where he is head of employer's liability.

In 2011 he was invited to join the Forum of Complex Injury Solicitors. He is also a member of the Professional Negligence Lawyers' Association.

Outside of work Karl enjoys hill walking and music.

Lorraine Gwinnutt, APIL Head of Communications

Lorraine has nearly 20 years' experience in journalism and public relations.



She started her career as a journalist and columnist on local newspapers, writing everything from diary features to court reports to hard news stories. She then spent six years working for Boots the Chemists in the press and public relations department, where she specialised in ethical public relations and crisis management, and ran media training sessions for store managers. She then moved to a major PR and communications agency, where she continued to work on pharmaceutical PR as well as covering the public relations work for a number of other major national clients.

Lorraine came to APIL as press officer and now heads the small communications team which deals with parliamentary lobbying and press liaison.

Sudhanshu Swaroop, Junior Counsel, 20 Essex Street Chambers

Sudhanshu became a tenant in 1998 and has a broad international practice.



The Legal 500 has recommended him for his work in Banking and Finance, Shipping, Public International Law and Human Rights. The Lawyer Magazine has chosen him as one of its "**Hot 100**" Lawyers, noting his "*flourishing commercial practice*" and "*impressive and worthwhile work in the field of international human rights*".

Sudhanshu has acted in numerous International Arbitrations (under various rules, including those of ICSID, the LCIA, the ICC, GAFTA, FOSFA and the FCC), in the High Court, the Court of Appeal and the House of Lords. He has also drafted amicus briefs for foreign courts, including the US Supreme Court.

Jack Lancer, Consultant ENT Surgeon, Park Hill Hospital

Mr Jack Lancer has been Consultant ENT Surgeon for over 23 years, having been Registrar and Senior Registrar in Sheffield, and was also trained in Cambridge and Zurich (6months with Professor Ugo Fisch).



He qualified at Sheffield University in 1978. He worked in A&E in Sheffield and general surgery in Doncaster as SHO. He has carried out over 2000 major ear operations and 2000 Rhinoplasty operations. He maintains a keen interest in sport especially football.