

08 February 2013

Dear Member

## **APIL SOUTH OF ENGLAND REGIONAL GROUP - AN INVITATION**

We would like to invite you to attend the forthcoming South of England regional group meeting which is taking place at the Jurys Inn Southampton:

Date: Wednesday, 27 February 2013

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

Venue: Jurys Inn Southampton  
Charlotte Place, Southampton, SO14 0TB

We are pleased to welcome **Benjamin Williams and John Spencer** 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.

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 14 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 as a buffet will be provided, please see below on how to book.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Yours sincerely

Gavin Lane  
Co-ordinator

Ruth Johnson  
Secretary

**APIL SOUTH OF ENGLAND REGIONAL GROUP  
WEDNESDAY, 27 FEBRUARY 2013**

**Speakers:**

***“Brave new world? Costs & Funding post Jackson”***



**By Benjamin Williams, Barrister, 4 New Square**

Described in Chambers & Partners as a ‘an absolute genius in terms of his eloquence and ability to react to issues when in court’; as a ‘quick-witted, brave and eloquent advocate who continually impresses with his general brilliance’; as ‘mesmerising’ in court where his ‘arguments are very difficult to defeat’; and as someone who ‘can take on anything and do it to a high standard’, Ben has a commercial

practice with a particular focus on insurance.

He is also an expert on all aspects of the law relating to solicitors, including costs and litigation funding, professional negligence, and SRA and other regulatory and disciplinary work. He is an editor of Cordery on Legal Services (formerly Cordery on Solicitors), and is recommended as the leading junior on costs by both Chambers & Partners and the Legal 500, having appeared in nearly all of the major costs cases of the last decade. Acknowledged also as an expert on civil procedure and consumer law (including consumer credit), he is an editor of the White Book 2013 and recommended for consumer law disputes by Chambers & Partners.

His insurance work has included the litigation arising from collapsed claims management schemes (such as TAG and Imperial Consolidated), as well as the long-running ‘credit hire’ litigation, where he has acted in many of the leading cases in the Commercial Court and Court of Appeal. He advises on, and drafts, policy wordings, binders, agency appointments and similar. In addition to his experience in the main categories of liability insurance, his expertise in litigation funding disputes has given him particular knowledge of the legal expenses insurance market, and the emerging alternative products for funding dispute resolution.

Ben is a member of COMBAR and of the London Common Law & Commercial Bar Association.

**FOLLOWED BY:**

**John Spencer, APIL EC Officer, speaking on: *“Current EC activities within APIL”***

**Chaired by:**

**Gavin Lane**, Trethowans LLP, APIL South of England regional group co-ordinator

**Ruth Johnson**, Blake Laphorn, APIL South of England regional group secretary

Teas, coffees and a buffet will be served. The attendance fee for this meeting is £15.00 + VAT. Please complete the slip below and return it to the APIL office.

Each guest must be sympathetic to the aims of the association and considering taking up membership themselves. If numbers are limited, members will take precedence.

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**South of England REG Meeting – Wednesday, 27 February 2013 – 5:30pm to 7:30pm**

Please reserve a place at the above meeting for:

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

Firm/chambers: .....

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