

03 February 2014

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, 26 March 2014

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

Venue: St James Park
Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE1 LST

We are pleased to welcome **Deborah Evans (APIL Chief Executive), and Ian Cosgrove** who will 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.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Yours sincerely

Joanne Willits
Co-ordinator

Kirsty Allen
Secretary

APIL NORTH EAST REGIONAL GROUP WEDNESDAY, 26 MARCH 2014

Speakers:

“Current EC activities within APIL”



By Deborah Evans, APIL Chief Executive

Deborah is the chief executive of the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL). She is not a lawyer, but has more than 20 years' experience working in the legal sector in management roles. Deborah has an MBA from Nottingham Trent University.

Deborah is an alternate director for Portal Co, the organisation responsible for the running of the RTA portal, and sits on the editorial board of the Journal of Personal Injury Law (JPIL).

Deborah is actively involved in campaigning on legal reform, with a strong grasp of the impact of policy changes on both injured people and firms. She is keen to drive innovation in the delivery of legal services, and maintain the quality of advice given by APIL members at the highest levels.

Outside of work, Deborah is chair of governors for the local school. She also writes and appears in pantomime, having starred as Cinderella, Sleeping Beauty, Prince Charming, Maid Marion, the Genie of the Lamp, and more recently due to ageing, as an ogre.

“Jackson 12 months on – a view from the trenches”



By Ian Cosgrove, Costs Lawyer, Cosgrove Costing Agency

Ian began his career as a legal executive for a local firm of solicitors, spending 19 years dealing with both criminal work and civil litigation before founding Cosgrove Costing Agency.

He became an Associate of the Association of Law Cost Draftsmen in 1993, gaining Fellowship status by examination in 1997. He became one of the first Fellows bestowed with Costs Lawyer status in 2007. As a Costs Lawyer, Ian is regulated under Section 27 & 28 of The Courts and Legal Services Act 1990 to conduct costs litigation in his own right without needing to be instructed direct by a solicitor. This has enabled him to build up a significant part of the practice in acting direct for insurance companies and litigants in person.

Ian regularly attends detailed assessment hearings in the County Court in the North of England as well as in the Senior Court Costs Office. He both prepares bills of costs and challenges other parties' costs. He is one of the few Costs Lawyers who still undertakes criminal work and was recently involved in an important central funds appeal in the Senior Court Costs Office where he successfully challenged the decision of The National Taxing Team to reduce a high value bill by over £200,000.

Ian is an accredited trainer and is currently tutoring six trainee costs lawyers. He regularly delivers lectures to solicitors on how to maximise their own costs and minimise other parties' costs. He has also give lectures to local law societies and was recently invited to address the North East Association of District Judges as to the impact of the forthcoming Jackson Costs Reforms.

Chaired by:

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

Kirsty Allen, APIL North East regional group secretary

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Please reserve a place at the above meeting for:

Name: Membership number:

Firm/chambers:

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