

24 February 2014

Dear Member

## **APIL DAMAGES SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP - AN INVITATION**

We would like to invite you to attend the forthcoming damages special interest group meeting which is taking place at the Marriott Victoria & Albert Hotel, Manchester:

Date: Thursday, 27 March 2014

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

Venue: Marriott Victoria & Albert Hotel  
Water Street, Manchester M3 4JQ

We are pleased to welcome **Paul Rosson** and **Chris Melton QC** who will both 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 damages special interest group meeting, please do try to attend as they are an invaluable source of information and an excellent chance to network. There is an attendance fee for this meeting at a cost of £15.00 + VAT per member. Members wishing to bring along a guest may do so at the cost of £30.00 + 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

Malcolm Underhill  
Co-ordinator

Ben Posford  
Secretary

**APIL DAMAGES SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP  
THURSDAY, 27 MARCH 2014**

**Speakers:**

***“the joy of pension loss claims – including everything you wished you knew but were too afraid to ask”***



**By Paul Rosson, Consultant, Frenkel Topping**

Paul has advised clients and managed their portfolios since 1992 and is recognised nationally as an expert in the area of Pensions Loss reporting and Personal Injury Trusts. Paul also has expertise in assessing the viability of Structured Settlement/Periodical Payments. Paul has obtained the Advanced Financial Planning Certificate. Paul's primary role is to meet the needs of our private and professional clients through advising, construction and management of individual investment portfolios. He regularly provides

talks and seminars to legal organisations throughout the UK. Paul is married and enjoys country walks, golf and is a keen mountain biker.

***“life expectancy and multipliers on serious injury cases”***



**By Chris Melton QC, Byrom Street Chambers**

Christopher Melton has practised in all aspects of medical and personal injury law throughout his career. He was Senior Counsel to the Shipman Inquiry between 2001 and 2005, appointed by the Treasury Solicitor. He is instructed by specialist firms nationwide and spends a significant proportion of his time appearing and advising in London as well as in the regions.

Christopher Melton specialises in advising and appearing in cases involving the seriously, catastrophically or fatally injured. He regularly appears in Court, both at first instance and at appellate level. His current caseload encompasses the whole range of issues that arise in these cases. He has significant expertise at appellate level. He has a particular interest in the analysis of medical, financial and scientific expert evidence and exploring the interface between the law and science. Although the mainstay of his practice involves brain, spinal and fatal injury, particularly cerebral palsy in the clinical negligence sphere, he has an ongoing interest in cases involving upper and lower limb amputations. He has been recognised as a leading practitioner in his chosen fields over many years. He occasionally ventures into the criminal courts, both prosecuting and defending, where medical or scientific evidence is at the fore. He frequently appears at Inquests, an area of the law in which he gained in-depth knowledge on the Shipman Inquiry. He has advised or appeared in numerous multi-party claims, including group actions arising out of product liability for asbestos, sexual abuse by medical practitioners and physical and sexual abuse in care homes. The professional liability work undertaken is against medical professionals and lawyers; the claims against lawyers involve multifarious failures appropriately to prosecute clinical negligence and personal injury claims.

**FOLLOWED BY:**

**Neil Sugarman, APIL EC Officer, giving an update on: “Current EC activities within APIL”**

**Chaired by:**

**Malcolm Underhill, IBB Solicitors, APIL damages special interest group co-ordinator  
Ben Posford, Osbornes Solicitors LLP, APIL damages special interest group secretary**



Teas, coffees, wine and canapés will be served. There is a small attendance fee for this meeting £15.00 + VAT. Members wishing to attend should reply to this email with their membership number, those wishing to bring along a guest may do so at the cost of £30.00 + VAT per guest and should complete the slip below and return it to the APIL office with their payment.

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**Damages SIG Meeting – Thursday, 27 March 2014 – 5:30pm to 7:30pm**

Please reserve a place at the above meeting for:

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

Firm/chambers: .....

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