

04 June 2014

Dear Member

APIL WALES REGIONAL GROUP - AN INVITATION

We would like to invite you to attend the forthcoming Wales regional group meeting which is taking place at the Cardiff Marriott Hotel:

Date: Wednesday, 16 July 2014

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

Venue: Cardiff Marriott Hotel
Mill Lane, Cardiff, South Glamorgan, CF10 1EZ

We are pleased to welcome **Jonathan Wheeler, Michael Imperato** and **Michael Brace** 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.

If you have not yet been to an APIL Wales 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

Michael Imperato
Co-ordinator

**APIL WALES REGIONAL GROUP
WEDNESDAY, 16 JULY 2014**

“acting for survivors of child abuse”

Speakers:



By Jonathan Wheeler, APIL Vice President

Jonathan qualified in Liverpool in 1993, cutting his teeth on a caseload of tripping claims against the local council. He joined Bolt Burdon Kemp five years later, becoming a partner in 2003. Formerly head of personal injury claims, he now leads the firm's dedicated abuse compensation department, comprising eight solicitors (and counting...!)

In 2006, Jonathan was named one of the 'Hot 100' lawyers of the year by The Lawyer magazine, recognising his campaigning work for survivors of child abuse.

A PI panel member and an APIL fellow, Jonathan was elected to APIL's executive committee in 2008, following a stint as the co-ordinator of the Child Abuse SIG. He is now Vice President of the organisation. He is also the treasurer of the Association of Child Abuse Lawyers, and sits on the editorial board of the Journal of Personal Injury Law and on the Law Society Council.

“Mitchell update”

By Michael Brace, Barrister, Civitas Law

Michael specialises in clinical negligence and personal injury claims.

Clinical negligence

Michael's practice is predominantly claimant based. A significant proportion of his work is concerned with high-value and complex claims in particular those in respect of catastrophic birth injuries and claims where death has resulted. Recent examples of his work include: Claim on behalf of a husband pursuant to the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1934 and Fatal Accidents Act 1974 as a result of the failure by the Defendant NHS Trust to prevent a fatal heart-attack suffered by his wife.

Successful application for interim payment on behalf Claimant suffering from cerebral palsy to facilitate the purchase of suitable accommodation. Interim payment of £650,000 obtained. Michael regularly undertakes seminars/training sessions both "in-house" and for national organisations, most recently a seminar in relation to Catastrophic Birth and Child Injuries for "Action Against Medical Accidents" ("AVMA").

Personal injury

Michael's practice is equally divided between Defendants (Insurers and Local Authorities) and Claimants (trade unions and individuals). There is an emphasis on work-related injuries. He has particular expertise in industrial disease claims (WRULD's, ONIHL and HAVS) most notably those in relation to asbestos exposure. His expertise in industrial disease litigation is reflected in the fact that he has been ranked nationally in such field by "Chambers UK – A Client's Guide to the Legal Profession" in 2011, 2012 and again in 2013. A significant proportion of Michael's practice is concerned with high-value claims in respect of severe injuries and fatal accidents/injuries

“holiday personal injury claims”

By Michael Imperato, Wales Regional Group Co-ordinator

Michael Imperato is head of employers liability/public liability & occupational illness at the Cardiff office of New Law.

Michael has been recognised by both ‘Chambers and the ‘Legal 500’ as ones of Wales’ leading claimant personal injury lawyers. In the last few years he has had several notable successes in the court of appeal, firstly with *Rogers v The National Assembly for Wales* which involved a successful claim arising out of a defective road surface, *Brown & Oths v Corus*, a multi-claimant success for former steelworkers suffering from HAVS and most recently *Williams v Welsh Ambulance Trust* an important case on fatal accident claims.

Michael has had published a number of articles on personal injury law and contributes the chapter on sports injuries to the APIL publication ‘Personal Injury Law and Precedents’. He is a regular guest reviewer of the papers on BBC Radio Wales.

Michael is the co-ordinator of APIL Wales, a fellow of APIL and a former EC member. He is a member of the Law Society Personal Injury Accreditation Scheme, a member of the LSC funding appeals committee, national committee member of the Travel and Tourism Layers Association, former president of Cardiff & District Law Society, trustee of Cerebra, a national charity for brain injured children, committee member of Headway Pembrokeshire and – if that were not enough - deputy chair of governors of a local school.

Michael is also recognised as the leading education lawyer in Wales acting for children and parents, particularly children with special educational needs. He is a member of the national committee of the Education Lawyers Association.

Outside of the law Michael's interests are sport, politics and chauffeuring his daughters.

FOLLOWED BY:

Jonathan Wheeler, APIL Vice President, speaking on: “Current EC activities within APIL”

Chaired by:

Michael Imperato, APIL Wales regional co-ordinator

Teas, coffees and biscuits 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. 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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Please reserve a place at the above meeting for:

Name: Membership number:

Firm/chambers:

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