

APIL WALES GROUP MEETING

Wednesday, 9 November 2016 - 3pm to 6pm
St Davids Hotel, Havannah St, Cardiff CF10 5SD

PROGRAMME

- 15:00 – 15:05** **Welcome and introduction**
Chair: Michael Imperato, APIL Wales regional group Co-ordinator
Neil Sugarman, APIL President
- 15:05 – 15:25** **APIL campaign activity at a glance**
Neil Sugarman, APIL President
- 15:25 – 15:45** **Fatal accidents**
Gordon Dalyell, APIL EC member
- 15:45 – 16:00** **What's occurring in Wales?**
Cenric Clement-Evans, APIL EC member
- 16:00 – 16:10** **Latest developments in Northern Ireland**
Martin Hanna, APIL EC member
- 16:10 – 16:30** **Use of media and communications**
Lorraine Gwinnutt, Head of Public Affairs, APIL
- 16:30 – 16:50** **Open debate on the court reforms – how is it going?**
- 16:50 – 17:15** **Open forum – questions & answers**
- 17:15 – 17:35** **Cases in the Supreme Court**
Nigel Tomkins, APIL Treasurer
- 17:35 – 18:00** **Drinks reception**
All welcome

Teas, coffees and biscuits will be served, followed by a drinks reception at the end of the meeting. 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:

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Neil Sugarman, APIL President

Neil qualified as a solicitor in 1981 and has practiced exclusively in the field of personal injury litigation. He has been the managing partner of GLP Solicitors of Bury, Greater Manchester since 1999.

He is a member of the Law Society Personal Injury Panel, an APIL Fellow and is an APIL Accredited Specialist Brain Injury Lawyer. Neil has been on the Executive Committee since 2005, becoming Vice- President of APIL in 2015, and President at the 2016 annual conference.

Neil has been involved closely in APIL's work in the field of rehabilitation.

He has a special interest in conducting CICA claims on behalf of catastrophically injured shaken babies. In 2009 he represented a client who is understood to have received the highest award ever made under the Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme. He received a commendation for this work in the UNICEF Child Rights Lawyer of the Year Awards 2001. Neil is an APIL delegate to the CICA's Policy and Equality Forum.

A contributor to a major legal text on the handling of serious personal injury claims, Neil is also an updating author to Butterworths Personal Injury Litigation Service. He has lectured widely to a variety of groups on the topic of personal injury and had many academic articles published.

Neil is an appointed Tribunal Judge to the First Tier Tribunal of the Social Entitlement Chamber.

Gordon Dalyell, APIL Scotland EC Officer

Partner with Digby Brown LLP since 1998. He has wide experience in dealing with many areas of personal injury, including accidents at work, road traffic accidents, fatal claims, and public liability claims, as well as claims for miscarriages of justice.

Gordon qualified as a solicitor-advocate in 2003. He has been accredited as a specialist in personal injury law by the Law Society of Scotland. He is a senior litigator member of the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL) and was elected as the executive committee member for Scotland in 2010 and again in 2013.

Michael Imperato, APIL Wales Co-Ordinator

Michael heads the Public/Administrative law department at Watkins and Gunn and undertaken a number of high profile claimant judicial review challenges. These have been mainly in respect of service closures and downgrades such as hospital, schools, libraries acting for communities challenging local and national government.

Michael is also recognised as a leader in the field in claimant personal injury work (See 'Chambers UK' 2015). He is the principle solicitor acting for the Trade Union, Community, in Wales and the West Country.

Michael is the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL) coordinator for Wales, author of the chapter on Sports Personal Injury for the APIL publication, 'Personal Injury, Law, Practice and Precedents.' He is a Fellow of APIL and member of the Law Society Personal Injury Panel.

Michael is a former president of the Cardiff & District Law Society, a member of the Law Society Wales Committee, a Vice Chair of the Legal Aid Agency Special Controls review Panel. He is a longstanding school governor and a trustee of several charities.

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.

Iain Scott, APIL Wales Secretary

Iain Scott is a partner at Hugh James. A Fellow of APIL he has in excess of 20 years' experience in representing injured clients. He undertakes a broad range of high value claims including fatal accidents, accidents at work, public liability and serious road traffic accidents. His experience ranges from sports and equine claims to actions against the police and child abuse claims. He has handled group actions. Iain is passionate about his work and motivated by making a difference for the client. He understands clients' needs which are always at the forefront of litigation.

Cenric Clement-Evans, APIL Wales EC Officer

APIL fellow Cenric Clement-Evans is a solicitor at NewLaw Cardiff where he works with the teams specialising in workplace injuries, with his work including accidents at work and asbestos injuries. Cenric has been a member of APIL's executive committee since 2008. He previously served as co-ordinator and secretary of APIL's special interest group on occupational health and co-ordinator of APIL Wales between 1998 and 2008.

Cenric has represented APIL on the Law Society working party reviewing the disease and ill-health pre-action protocol. He was one of the members of APIL's occupational health SIG working party which created the very first draft of the protocol. Cenric has lectured with Nigel Tomkins for many years in APIL's 'Accidents at work' series and has spoken at and chaired many APIL industrial disease conferences including recent asbestos conferences. He is spokesperson for the Right to Know: Asbestos in Schools Campaign Wales, as well as being a member of the Asbestos in Schools Group Committee and an observer member of the Joint Union Asbestos

Martin Hanna, APIL Northern Ireland EC Officer

Martin is the Irish representative on the EC. He is a partner with Francis Hanna & Company in Belfast.

Martin's personal injury practice has a particular emphasis on asbestos related litigation and clinical negligence. He also dealt with the first ever periodical payments order case in Northern Ireland.

With civil justice reviews ongoing and cuts to legal aid in Northern Ireland, Martin believes that members from each jurisdiction should learn from each other to improve access to justice throughout the United Kingdom.

Lorraine Gwinnutt, APIL

Lorraine has nearly 30 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.

Nigel Tomkins, APIL Treasurer

Nigel is a consultant with Freeths LLP in Nottingham. With over four decades of experience as a specialist personal injury lawyer he is a Fellow of the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL). He has represented injured people in a wide variety of personal injury case types. Formerly he was associate professor of civil litigation with the College of Law and consultant director of APIL training. He is also an independent legal training consultant.

Nigel has published many articles related to personal injury and health and safety law. He provides training to law firms throughout the United Kingdom. He lectures, advises and trains widely on a variety of legal, health and safety and other subjects throughout the British Isles. He has also spoken at a number of international conferences both in Europe and the USA. Nigel was the winner of the outstanding achievement award at the Eclipse Proclaim Personal Injury Awards 2013.

After serving a number of terms as an APIL executive committee member, Nigel was elected to the role of treasurer of APIL on 19 April 2012. He was awarded honorary life membership of APIL in April 2015 in recognition of outstanding contribution to the work of the association.

When he's not working, Nigel enjoys good food, fine wine, travel and spending time with his two children and five grandchildren.