

## **Experiences - Evidence - Cases – Information**

### **Main Focus for this meeting : Local Practice Issues**

#### **Why do we need to hear from you?**

Every 6 months APIL meets with the Association of District Judges (ADJ) to discuss practice issues that affect APIL members throughout the country. The next meeting is due to held in October 2004, and APIL would like your views concerning practice issues either in your local area (as part of the Regional groups) or in terms of your specialist interest (as discussed in SIG meetings).

If there are issues you feel need to be addressed within your particular area now is your chance to voice your concerns. APIL plans to gather as much evidence as possible about local practice issues in order to ascertain whether there is a trend to certain issues and also whether particular issues are prevalent in particular areas.

We would appreciate APIL members' views on the advantages, disadvantages and implications of the operation of the courts within either your local area or within your specialist interest. Please assist by discussing the issues outlined below during your SIG/Regional group meeting and completing this questionnaire.

**Key questions for members:**

(please answer all nine questions in the boxes below)  
(continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

1. Do you have any problems with the appointment of joint experts? IF so, what particular problems occur in your area?

2. Do have any problems with telephone conferencing at your local court? If you do, how does this affect proceedings?

3. What is the level of IT at your local court? Do you feel that this is an important area that needs improvement? For example, would you like to be able to file electronically or directly e-mail judges? What other IT improvements would you like to see instigated?

4. Do you have any problems with case management conferences? If so, are these regionalised / specialised in your experience?

**5. Do you have any problems regarding the application questionnaire?**

**6. Are you on the local court-users group? If you are, do you find this helpful? Do suggestions that are put forward in the group migrate into the operation of court? If not, why not? How could court user groups be improved in relation to personal injury practitioners?**

**7. Some courts give specific hearing dates, while other provide a trial window – which method does your local court use? If it uses a trial window, are you given enough notification before trial? If not, how long should the notification period be? Do you feel trial windows work in your opinion?**

**8. Do you have any additional comments about your local practice issues? If so, please tell us.**

Your name :

Your firm/chambers:

Your experiences, cases and other useful information

*(continue on separate sheet if required)*

Other issues/areas of practice you may wish to comment/provide information on :

Meeting :

Meeting date :

Location :

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