

**APIL Abuse Conference 2025**  
Held in association with ACAL

**Friday, 20 June**  
**Marriott Marble Arch Hotel, London and Virtually**

**Programme\***

- 9.00am – 9.30am**     **Registration and refreshments**
- 9.30am – 9.35am**     **Welcome to the conference**  
Morning chair: Richard Sweetman, Joint Coordinator of APIL's Abuse SIG,  
Irwin Mitchell LLP, Birmingham
- 9.35am – 10.25am**   **Keynote address: Observations on abuse litigation from their  
time on the bench**  
Speaker: Master Victoria McCloud, Former King's Bench Master, London
- 10.25am – 11.10am**   **Hydrant programme**  
Speaker: Richard Fewkes, Director of the National Police Chiefs Council  
Hydrant Programme, Sheffield
- 11.10am – 11.40am**   **Refreshment break**
- 11.40am – 12.20pm**   **Practical tips**  
- Expert evidence  
Speaker: Nina Ross, Barrister, 12KBW, London
- 12.20pm – 1.00pm**   **Attribution of psychiatric injury and causation**  
Speaker: Dr Alexandra Getz, Consultant Psychiatrist at Barnet Enfield and  
Haringey Mental Health NHS Trust, London
- 1.00pm – 2.00pm**     **Lunch break**
- 2.00pm – 2.05pm**     **Welcome back**  
Afternoon chair: Rebecca Sheriff, Joint Coordinator of APIL's Abuse SIG,  
Bolt Burdon Kemp, London
- 2.05pm – 2.50pm**     **Legal update**  
- Including quantum update re PSLA  
Speaker: Justin Levinson, Barrister, One Crown Office Row, London

- 2.50pm – 3.10pm**      **Refreshment break**
- 3.10pm – 3.50pm**      **Mandatory reporting**  
Speaker: Jonathan West, Director of Mandate Now
- 3.50pm – 4.40pm**      **Trauma informed lawyering**  
Speaker: Dr Nikki Godden-Rasul, Lecturer in Law, Newcastle Law School
- 4.40pm – 4.45pm**      **Closing comments**  
Speaker: Rebecca Sheriff, Joint Coordinator of APIL's Abuse SIG,  
Bolt Burdon Kemp, London
- 4.45pm**                      **Close of conference**

**Accredited by:  
APIL – all levels  
5.5 CPD hours**

**\*Programme, topics and speakers may be subject to change**