



**Wednesday, 14 – Friday, 16 May 2025**  
**The Celtic Manor Resort, Newport, South Wales**

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## **Programme\***

### **Wednesday, 14 May 2025**

**7.30pm - 11.00pm**      **Welcome reception**  
*Chairman's Marquee, Celtic Manor Resort*

### **Thursday, 15 May 2025**

**8.45am – 9.30am**      **Registration and refreshments**  
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**9.30am – 9.40am**      **Welcome to the conference**  
*Chaired by: Stephen Glynn, APIL EC Member, Deka Chambers, London*

**9.40am - 10.40am**      **Panel session: Challenges of paediatric cases in brain and spinal injury cases**  
*Chaired by: Stephen Glynn, APIL EC Member, Deka Chambers, London*  
*Panellists:*  
*Mr Sanjeev Bassi, Consultant Adult and Paediatric Neurosurgeon, King's College Hospital, London*  
*Dr Kieran Hogarth, Consultant Neuroradiologist, Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading*  
*Mr Alex Rouse, Children and Young People Clinical Lead at the National Spinal Injuries Centre, Aylesbury*  
*Dr Sophie Thomas, Consultant Paediatric Neuropsychologist and Clinical Psychologist, Child Neuropsychology UK Ltd, Sheffield*

**10.40am – 11.10am**      **APIL AGM**  
*Speakers: Mike Benner, Chief Executive, APIL, Nottingham*  
*Gordon Dalyell, APIL Treasurer, Digby Brown LLP, Edinburgh*  
*Brett Dixon, APIL Secretary, Scott-Moncrieff & Associates Ltd, Clitheroe*  
*Kim Harrison, APIL President, Slater & Gordon Lawyers, Manchester*

**11.10am – 11.45am**      **Morning break**  
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**11.45am – 12.10pm**      **Presidential address**  
*Speaker: Incoming APIL President*

**12.10pm – 1.00pm**      **Mental health and brain injuries**  
*Speaker: Dr Clementine Maddock, Consultant Psychiatrist in Independent Practice, Swansea*

## Thursday, 15 May 2025 continued...

1.00pm - 2.00pm

**Lunch break**

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2.00pm – 2.05pm

**Welcome back**

Chaired by: Jessica Bowles, Coordinator of APIL's Spinal Cord Injury SIG, Irwin Mitchell LLP, London

2.05pm - 3.00pm

**Psycho-sexual therapy in spinal injury**

Speakers: Sue Newsome, Psychosexual Therapist, Lichfield  
Patricia Leonard, Barrister, 7BR, London

3.00pm – 3.30pm

**Mid-afternoon break**

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3.30pm - 4.15pm

**Adaptive sports equipment**

Speakers: Victoria Williams, Stewarts, London  
Martin McElhatton OBE, Chief Executive, WheelPower, Luton

4.15pm – 5.00pm

**EL/OL claims**

Speaker: Chris Edwards, Barrister, Old Square Chambers, London

5.00pm

Close of day one

7.30pm – 8.15pm

**Drinks reception**

Thursday evening

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8.15pm - 1.00am

**Dinner dance**

## Friday, 16 May 2025

9.00am – 9.30am

**Registration and refreshments**

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9.30am – 9.35am

**Welcome to day two**

Chaired by: Alex Dabek, Joint Coordinator of APIL's Spinal Cord Injury SIG, Bolt Burdon Kemp, London

9.35am – 10.35am

**Panel session: Mediation – Views from behind the curtain**

Chaired by: Paul Balen, Trust Mediation Ltd, Nottingham

Panellists:

Hugh Johnson, Stewarts, London

David Withers, Coordinator of APIL's Brain Injury SIG, Irwin Mitchell LLP, Sheffield

Chris Eccles, Partner, Clyde and Co, Manchester

Jennifer Harris, Legal Director, Capsticks, London

10.35am – 11.15am

**Expert evidence - some perils and pitfalls**

Speaker: Sarah Prager KC, Deka Chambers, London

11.15am – 11.45am

**Mid-morning break**

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11.45am – 11.50am

**Welcome back**

Chaired by: Kelly Lingard, APIL South Yorkshire Regional Coordinator, Irwin Mitchell LLP, Sheffield

11.50am - 12.35pm

**Complex loss of earnings claims and the self-employed**

Speaker: Vitek Frenkel, Partner, Frenkels Forensics Chartered Accountants, London

## Friday, 16 May 2025 continued...

12.35pm – 12.45pm

Comfort break

12.45pm – 1.30pm

### **No 'Hired guns': An evidence approach to employment reports**

*Speaker: Katya Halsall, Employment Expert, Vocational Consultant, Work Capacity Evaluator*

1.30pm – 2.30pm

### **JPIL case and comment**

*Speakers: John McQuater, APIL EC Member, Deputy Case Digest Editor for JPIL, Switalskis Solicitors Ltd, Doncaster*

*Mark Harvey, JPIL Board Member, Hugh James, Cardiff*

*Rachael Mulheron KC, JPIL Board Member, Queen Mary University Hospital, London*

*Nathan Tavares KC, JPIL Board Member, Outer Temple Chambers, London*

2.30pm

### **Close of conference**

2.30pm – 3.15pm

### **Choice of sit-down or take-away lunch**

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### **CPD hours**

Thursday, 15 May – 4.25 hours

Friday, 16 May – 4.25 hours

**TOTAL: 8.5 hours**

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