

# Conference programme\*

## Day one: Thursday, 1 May 2014

- 08:45 – 09:30**      **Conference registration and refreshments in the exhibition area**
- 09:30 – 09:35**      **Opening and introduction to the conference**  
Chair: Deborah Evans, Chief Executive, APIL, Nottingham
- 09:35 – 10:20**      **APIL's annual general meeting**
- 10:20 – 10:50**      **Refreshment break in the exhibition area**  
*Kindly sponsored by Jordans Publishing*
- 10:50 – 11:20**      **Keynote address: Dealing with disruption**  
- The challenges of true professionalism  
- Opportunities and risks in times of disruption  
- Strategies for success  
Speaker: Andrew Grech, Managing Director, Slater & Gordon, Australia
- 11:20 – 12:20**      **Tomorrow's lawyers**  
Speaker: Professor Richard Susskind OBE, Author, Speaker, Independent Adviser, Radlett
- 12:20 – 13:00**      **The client's perspective**  
Chair: Neil Sugarman, APIL EC Member, GLP Solicitors, Bury  
Speakers: David Bracher, Trustee, SIA, Oxfordshire  
Jonathan Fogerty, Chair of SIA and Solicitor at Fentons Solicitors part of Slater & Gordon, Manchester  
Peter McCabe, Chief Executive, Headway UK, London
- 13:00 – 14:00**      **Buffet lunch in the exhibition area**  
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- 14:00 – 14:05**      **Welcome back**  
Speaker: Deborah Evans, Chief Executive, APIL, Nottingham
- 14:05 – 14:30**      **Presidential address**  
Speaker: John Spencer, Incoming APIL President, Spencers Solicitors Ltd, Chesterfield
- 14:30 – 15:30**      **APIL debate: Fighting back for the injured person**  
- Current and forthcoming challenges for lawyers  
- What can we do to make the system better?  
- Working collaboratively for injured people  
- A client's right to compensation  
- Raising client awareness and confidence to make a claim  
Chaired by: John McQuater, Past APIL President, APIL EC Member, Atherton Godfrey, Doncaster  
Panellists:  
Mick Antoniw AM, Labour and Co-operative Assembly Member, National Assembly for Wales, Cardiff  
James Dalton, Assistant Director and Head of Motor and Liability, ABI, London  
Nick Ferrari, Radio Presenter, LBC 97.3, London  
Frances McCarthy, Past APIL President, Pattinson & Brewer, London  
Kevin Rowan, Head of Organisation and Services Department, TUC, London  
Raquel Siganporia, Solicitor, Bolt Burdon Kemp, London
- 15:30 – 16:00**      **Refreshment break in the exhibition area**  
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- 16:00 – 17:15**      **Seminar session one**  
Delegates are invited to choose from one of three options  
Please see overleaf for further details on seminars
- 17:15**              **Close of day one**

# Conference programme continued\*

## Thursday evening entertainment

- 19:45 – 20:15**      **Drinks reception**  
*Kindly sponsored by Corpore*
- 20:15 – 01:00**      **Black tie gala dinner**  
With live entertainment and music from motown and soul band 'Life and Soul'  
*Kindly sponsored by CRIF Decision Solutions Ltd*

## Day two: Friday, 2 May 2014

- 09:00 – 09:30**      **Registration and refreshments**  
*Friday morning revival refreshments kindly sponsored by Medreport Services Ltd*
- 09:30 – 10:45**      **Seminar session two**  
Delegates are invited to choose from one of three options  
Please see overleaf for further details on seminars
- 10:45 – 11:15**      **Refreshments served in the exhibition hall**  
*Kindly sponsored by Jordans Publishing*
- 11:15 – 12:30**      **Seminar session three**  
Delegates are invited to choose from one of four options  
Please see overleaf for further details on seminars
- 12:30 – 13:30**      **Buffet lunch in the Caernarfon Bar**  
*Kindly sponsored by Focus Insurance*
- 13:30 – 14:45**      **The future of costs and funding**  
Speakers:  
Stuart Kightley, APIL Secretary, Osbornes Solicitors LLP, London  
David Marshall, Past APIL President, Anthony Gold, London
- 14:45 – 15:45**      **Jackson reforms – one year on!**  
*Session kindly sponsored by LexisNexis*  
- Developments  
- Problems  
- Protocols/portals  
- Fixed fees - independent assessments  
- What the future holds?  
Chaired by: Nigel Tomkins, APIL Treasurer, Nigel Tomkins Consultancy, Nottingham  
Panellists:  
Andrew Ritchie QC, 9 Gough Square, London  
Rachel Rothwell, Litigation Funding, London  
Bernie Rowe, Chairman, Lyons Davidson, Bristol  
Kerry Underwood, Founder, Underwoods Solicitors, Hemel Hempstead  
Michael Williamson, MRW Law Ltd, Somerset
- 15:45**              **Close of conference**  
*Farewell refreshments sponsored by  
Burcher Jennings Legal Pricing & Costs Consultants*

# Seminar choices\*

Seminar session one - Thursday, 1 May 2014 (16:00 - 17:15)

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**PLEASE PRE-REGISTER  
FOR YOUR CHOSEN SEMINARS PRIOR TO  
THE EVENT!**

Spaces on seminars are limited and will be allocated on a strictly first come, first served basis. We will endeavour to place as many delegates as possible in their seminar of choice.

Please use the annual conference booking form to indicate which seminars you wish to attend. Alternatively, you can register electronically at:

**[www.surveymonkey.com/s/APILseminarsessions](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/APILseminarsessions)**

You will need to tick your first and second choices for each of the seminar sessions. Please note that some seminars will run more than once.

## The latest on the portals: EL/PL and RTAs

*Session kindly sponsored by  
First4Lawyers*

This seminar will consider:

- protocols
- portal update
- practical advice and strategy
- the future...

### Speakers

**David Bott** - Past APIL President, APIL EC Member, Bott & Co, Wilmslow

**Genric Clement-Evans** - APIL EC Member, NewLaw Solicitors, Cardiff

## Damages 2014

This seminar will be bang-up-to-date at the time of the conference and will discuss all of the important developments on damages over the last 12 months.

### Speakers

**Laura Begley** - Counsel, 9 Gough Square, London

**Malcolm Underhill** - APIL Damages SIG Co-ordinator, IBB Solicitors, Uxbridge

## JPIL case and comment

*Session kindly sponsored by  
Sweet and Maxwell  
A legal division of Thomson Reuters*

Members of the JPIL editorial board will provide their expert analysis of the cases that really matter to PI practitioners, based on cases that have been and will be reported in recent and forthcoming editions of JPIL. The sessions will focus on three areas:

- liability
- quantum
- procedure

JPIL prides itself on its expert case reporting and commentary. It often covers important cases before they appear anywhere else in print. JPIL not only tells you what cases say but also what they mean!

### Speakers

**Nigel Tomkins** - JPIL Digest Editor, APIL Treasurer, Nigel Tomkins Consultancy, Nottingham

**Muiris Lyons** - JPIL Editor, Past APIL President, Stewarts Law LLP, London

**John McQuater** - Past APIL President, APIL EC Member, Atherton Godfrey, Doncaster

**Jonathan Wheeler** - Incoming APIL Vice President, Bolt Burdon Kemp, London

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Seminar session two - Friday, 2 May 2014 (09:30 - 10:45)

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## Appeals - making successful challenges in the post-Jackson era

Matthew Stockwell and Stephen Lawson will guide you through the intricacies of the appeal process and how you can maximise the prospects of a successful outcome, from the permission stage to final presentation, with essential tips and tactics on:

- the post-Jackson landscape
- where do cases go wrong?
- which decisions are appealable?
- how do case management and final decisions differ?
- appeals practice and procedure in PI and CN cases
- getting permission first time
- making appeals attractive and persuading the judge(s)
- costs and funding

### Speakers

**Stephen Lawson** - Past APIL Secretary, Head of Civil Litigation Department, FDR Law, Frodsham

**Matthew Stockwell** - APIL President, Counsel, St Johns Buildings Chambers, Liverpool

## The litigating tourist

Millions of tourists travel abroad every year on holiday, for leisure, rest, relaxation and even for business. Some of them will be unlucky enough to have their holiday dream turn into a nightmare.

Accidents abroad often present legal and practical difficulties, particularly when the parties reside in different jurisdictions. Disputes and claims are inevitable. Rights of action, levels of compensation, evidential burdens, access to court and arbitral systems differ widely throughout the world. There is a huge lack of consistency in the overall approach to practice and procedure in the world and even within the EU. Through a case study, this session will try to illustrate how various regimes work to allow choices of forum for the plaintiffs, for the defendants and tactical consideration which will influence that choice.

In a moderated session, a series of case studies will identify how those systems differ and the options available when advising those looking to bring a claim for personal injury following an accident abroad. The session will discuss, among others, the following issues:

- identifying the most appropriate forum and the applicable law
- issues arising under Rome II
- package travel, package holiday and package tour regulations 1992
- local safety standards
- enforcement

### Speakers

**Alberto Perez-Cedillo** - Co-ordinator of APIL's International SIG, Alberto Perez-Cedillo Spanish Solicitors and Lawyers, London

**Jean Pierre Bellecave** - Avocat au Barreau de Bordeaux, France

**Sarah Prager** - Counsel, One Chancery Lane Chambers, London

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Seminar session three - Friday, 2 May 2014 (11:15 - 12:30)

## Procedure update - Jackson applies to the defendants as well!

The Jackson reforms are catching defendants out! What do they mean for:

- resiling from admissions?
- setting judgment aside?
- surveillance evidence?
- costs budgeting?

### Speakers

**John McQuater** - APIL Past President, APIL EC Member, Atherton Godfrey, Doncaster

**Nigel Tomkins** - APIL Treasurer, Nigel Tomkins Consultancy, Nottingham

## Rehabilitation - 10 years on!

*Kindly sponsored by Medical Records UK*

Panel session considering the future of rehabilitation in the context of personal injury cases:

- APIL rehabilitation policy
- what has happened to rehabilitation in the last 10 years?
- is rehabilitation economically viable in fast track claims?
- what is the difference between rehabilitation and case management?
- should all rehabilitation providers and case managers be accredited?
- does the rehabilitation process make a difference to injured people's lives?
- the changes that should be made to make the process more effective

### Chair

**Colin Ettinger** - Past APIL President, APIL EC Member, Irwin Mitchell LLP, London

### Speakers

**David Fisher** - Catastrophic Injury Claims Technical Manager, AXA, London

**Andrew Pemberton** - Chair of the UK Rehabilitation Council, Board Member of the BARC, Croydon

**Amanda Stevens** - Past APIL President, Irwin Mitchell LLP, London

## Fatal Accidents Act update

Expert speakers will provide a comprehensive damages update, providing a cross-jurisdictional comparison between recovery in England & Wales and Scotland.

This seminar will consider the following:

- current issues in fatal accident litigation, including case law update
- fatal accidents - the Scottish perspective
- bereavment and dependancy awards in England and Wales compared
- maximising damages recovery for your client (with tips, tactics and advice on presentation)
- the postcode lottery - APIL's bereavment campaign and what they can do to help

### Speakers

**Gordon Dalyell** - APIL EC Member Scotland, Digby Brown LLP, Edinburgh

**Wendy Owen** - Counsel, St Johns Buildings Chambers, Liverpool

**Matthew Stockwell** - APIL President, Counsel, St Johns Buildings Chambers, Liverpool

## Spinal injuries for beginners

This seminar will consider the following topics:

- anatomy of spinal cord injury (SCI)
- complications - syrinx, autonomic dysreflexia,
- deterioration etc
- life expectancy in SCI
- selecting experts
- accommodation issues
- care issues
- equipment, wheelchairs and transport for SCI
- future treatment costs
- understanding rehabilitation
- role of specialist solicitor

### Speakers

**Warren Collins** - Co-ordinator of APIL's Spinal Cord Injury SIG, Penningtons Manches LLP, London

**David Tomlinson** - Secretary of APIL's Spinal Cord Injury SIG, Barratt Goff & Tomlinson LTD, Nottingham

\*Topics and speakers may be subject to change