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APIL asbestos conference 2023
Marriott Victoria and Albert Hotel, Manchester
Thursday, 19 October 2023



PROGRAMME*

- 9.00am – 9.30am** **Registration and refreshments for in-person delegates**
- 9.30am – 9.35am** **Welcome to the conference**
Chair: Kevin Johnson, Joint Coordinator of APIL's Occupational Health SIG, Leigh Day, London
- 9.35am – 10.05am** **Opening address: Advocacy in front of the Master**
- Listings
- Issuing
- Hearings
- Throughput of cases
Speaker: Master Roger Eastman, Royal Courts of Justice, London
- 10.05am – 10.50am** **Later exposure**
- Law in the 1980s and how it develops, i.e. guidance issued by the HSE in 1983/84
- The potential interpretations of the Control of Asbestos at Work Regs 1988
- Which regulations etc 'survive' into the 1980s and beyond
Speaker: Simon Kilvington KC, Byrom Street Chambers, Manchester
- 10.50am – 11.20am** **Mid-morning break**
- 11.20am – 11.55am** **The Diffuse Mesothelioma Payment Scheme**
Speakers: Dawn Harrison and Stuart Whitney, Department For Work & Pensions, Leeds
- 11.55am – 12.45pm** **Managing life expectancy and other pitfalls in asbestos cases**
Speaker: Dr John Corless, Consultant Physician in Respiratory Medicine / Associate Medical Director (Medical Specialities) at Wirral University Teaching Hospital, Birkenhead
- 12.45pm – 1.45pm** **Lunch break**
- 1.45pm - 1.50pm** **Welcome back**
Afternoon chair: Aliyah Akram, Barrister, 12KBW, London
- 1.50pm – 2.20pm** **Should I sue the insurer direct?**
- Practical talk on whether you should do it and why
- Brooks v. Zurich
- Keegan v. Independent Ins
Speaker: Helen Waller, Barrister, 12KBW, London
- 2.20pm – 3.00pm** **Treatment update – making a difference: The practicalities of accessing treatment**
- Mesothelioma
- Criteria for treatment
- What funding is available
- Trials
- Admin arrangements for paying privately, etc.
Speaker: Dr Anthony Pope, Consultant in Clinical Oncology, The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre, Liverpool

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- 3.00pm – 3.25pm** **Mid-afternoon break**
- 3.25pm – 4.25pm** **Panel session: Liability update**
Chaired by: Stephen Glynn, APIL EC Member, Deka Chambers
Panellists: Bridget Collier, FieldFisher, Manchester
Laura Elfield, Deka Chambers, London
- 4.25pm – 5.00pm** **Recent trends and defendant tactics in asbestos disease litigation and how to deal with them**
- Limitation
- TUPE
Speaker: Daniel Easton, APIL EC Member, Leigh Day, London
- 5.00pm** **Close of conference**

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**APIL accreditation:
All levels
5 hours 30 minutes**