



Military claims conference 2021

VIRTUAL EVENT
Wednesday, 24 March
Programme*



- 9.30am – 9.35am** **Introduction**
Morning chair: Simon Quinn, Co-ordinator of APIL's Military SIG, Hilary Meredith Solicitors Ltd, Wilmslow
- 9.35am – 10.15am** **Liability in military claims**
- Challenges in bringing a claim against the MOD
- Practical tips on dealing with the MOD (e.g. getting records/hurdles)
Speaker: Thomas Banks, Barrister, 12 KBW, London
- 10.15am – 10.20am** **Comfort break**
- 10.20am – 11.00am** **The evolving workforce across the UK Armed Forces: a retired officer's view**
- The impact of societal changes, demographics and technology on the evolution of the workforce across the UK Armed Forces
Speaker: John Sephton MBE, Former Royal Navy Commander, John Sephton Consulting Ltd, Dorset
- 11.00am – 11.20am** **Mid-morning break**
- 11.20am – 12noon** **Investigating intentional torts for military clients**
- How to progress claims involving assault, harassment and other intentional torts
- The Court Martial, the RMP and service complaints procedures
- Employment tribunals vs the civil courts
- Key cases and practical tips
Speaker: Ahmed Al-Nahhas, Secretary of APIL's Military SIG, Bolt Burdon Kemp, London
- 12noon – 12.05pm** **Comfort break**
- 12.05pm – 12.45pm** **Overview of AFCS claims**
- Application and appeals process
Speaker: Laura Gooding, Barrister, Exchange Chambers, Manchester
- 12.45pm – 1.45pm** **Lunch break**
- 1.45pm – 1.50pm** **Welcome back**
Afternoon chair: Michael Rawlinson QC, Queen's Counsel, 12KBW, London
- 1.50pm – 2.30pm** **Limitation issues**
- A guide to section 33 arguments for military cases
Speaker: Nina Ross, Barrister, 12KBW, London
- 2.30pm – 2.35pm** **Comfort break**
- 2.35pm – 3.20pm** **The interaction of AFCS payments, military pension and other receipts with common law damages**
- The offsetting of AFCS awards v civil damages
Speaker: Chris Barnes, Barrister, Exchange Chambers, Liverpool
- 3.20pm – 3.40pm** **Mid-afternoon break**
- 3.40pm – 4.25pm** **The mental health of UK veterans – overview**
Speaker: Professor Neil Greenberg, King's College, London

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4.25pm – 4.30pm **Comfort break**

4.30pm - 5.00pm **Legal update**

- Overseas Operations Bill

- What the Bill means to your practice and the steps APIL has been taking to counter it
Speakers: Ahmed Al-Nahhas, Secretary of APIL's Military SIG, Bolt Burdon Kemp, London

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5.00pm **Close of conference**

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