

# APIL asbestos conference 2025

Thursday, 16 October

Marriott Victoria and Albert Hotel, Manchester and Virtually

## PROGRAMME\*

- 9.30am – 9.35am**     **Welcome to the conference**  
Morning session chaired jointly by:  
Geraldine Coombs, Joint Coordinator of APIL's Occupational Health SIG,  
Irwin Mitchell LLP, Manchester  
Kevin Johnson, Joint Coordinator of APIL's Occupational Health SIG, Leigh  
Day, London
- 9.35am – 10.15am**     **Keynote address**  
Speaker: Master Roger Eastman, Royal Courts of Justice, London
- 10.15am – 11.00am**     **Silicosis**  
Speaker: Ian Bailey, Maurice Blackburn, Sydney
- 11.00am – 11.30am**     **Mid-morning break**
- 11.30am – 12.15pm**     **Johnstone case on low exposure asbestos cases and use of epidemiology**  
Speaker: John-Paul Swoboda KC, 12KBW, London
- 12.15pm – 1.00pm**     **Low exposure from the engineer's perspective**  
Speaker: Martin Stear, Workplace Environment Solutions Ltd, Knutsford
- 1.00pm – 2.00pm**     **Lunch break**
- 2.00pm – 2.05pm**     **Welcome back**  
Afternoon chair: Gemma Scott, Barrister, 12KBW, London
- 2.05pm – 2.50pm**     **Low exposure issues - a medical expert's perspective**  
- Statistical evidence and exposure estimates to assess risk  
- Hodgson & Darnton  
- Views post Bannister  
Speaker: Dr John Moore-Gillon, Consultant Physician at King Edward VII's  
Hospital Sister Agnes, London
- 2.50pm – 3.30pm**     **Product liability**  
Speakers: Harry Steinberg KC and Aliyah Akram, Outer Temple Chambers,  
London
- 3.30pm – 3.50pm**     **Mid-afternoon break**

**3.50pm – 4.25pm**      **Good communication and managing conflict**  
Speaker: Joanna Gosling, Irwin Mitchell LLP, London

**4.25pm - 5.00pm**      **American claims**  
Speaker: Marc Weingarten, The Locks Law Firm, Philadelphia

**5.00pm**                      **Close of conference**

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

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APIL – all levels  
5.75 hours CPD