



# Catastrophic Injuries Conference 2024

Hilton Birmingham Metropole  
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15 - 17 May 2024

Principal sponsor:



## Wednesday, 15 May

- 15:30 - 16:00**      **Registration and welcome refreshments**
- 16:00 - 16:15**      **Welcome to the conference**  
Chaired by: Matthew Stockwell, Past APIL President, Exchange Chambers, Liverpool
- 16:15 - 17:00**      **Muyepa and Scarcliffe: Some lessons from the High Court**
- What lawyers can do to help experts
  - Ensuring regulatory and ethical duties are adhered to
  - Case law and practical guidance on how to get the best out of experts
  - Approaches when there is a factual dispute
  - Warning shots from the High Court
- Speaker: Bruno Gil, Barrister, Old Square Chambers, London
- 17:00 - 17:30**      **Regulation of Case Managers**
- Where are we heading?
- Speakers: Carole Chantler, Chair, IRCM, Portsmouth
- 17:30 - 18:00**      **Digitalisation programme**
- Speakers: Alex Davenport, Irwin Mitchell LLP, Cambridge  
Joanne Witherington, Irwin Mitchell LLP, Sheffield
- 18:00**              **Close of day one conference**
- 19:30 - 23:00**      **Informal welcome reception**

*“Very enjoyable and informative conference”.*

*“APIL training is the gold standard and not to be missed”.*

## Thursday, 16 May

- 09:00 - 09:30**      **Registration and welcome refreshments**  
Fabric bags kindly sponsored by Deka Chambers
- 09:30 - 09:35**      **Welcome to the day**  
Chaired by: Jonathan Scarsbrook, Outgoing APIL President, Irwin Mitchell LLP, Sheffield
- 09:35 - 10:00**      **APIL AGM**
- Speakers: Mike Benner, Chief Executive, APIL, Nottingham  
Brett Dixon, APIL Secretary, Scott Moncrieff & Associates Ltd, Clitheroe  
Kim Harrison, Joint APIL Vice-President, Slater & Gordon Lawyers, Manchester  
Jonathan Scarsbrook, APIL President, Irwin Mitchell LLP, Sheffield
- 10:00 - 10:25**      **Presidential address**  
Speakers: Incoming APIL President
- 10:25 - 11.10**      **The Discount Rate**  
Speaker: Julian Chamberlayne, Stewarts, London
- 11:10 - 11:40**      **Mid-morning break**  
Served in the Exhibition Hall  
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APIL - All Levels

**CPD:**  
Day one: 2 hours  
Day two: 5 hours  
Day three: 4 hours  
**TOTAL: 11 hours**

For each breakout session, delegates are invited to invite one out of two seminars

	Seminar one - Monarch Suite	Seminar two - York Suite
<b>Breakout Session One:</b>  <b>11:40 - 12:25</b>	<b>Teaching the world to sleep</b> - Importance of sleep to rehab and recovery - Difficulties with sleep in TBI and SCI - What can be done ?  Seminar one chaired by: Alex Dabek, Joint coordinator of APIL's spinal cord injury SIG, Bolt Burdon Kemp, London  Speaker: Professor David Lee, Sleep Unlimited, Consett	<b>Fatal accidents</b> - Niche points, arguments, calculations and quirks that arise in fatal claims - New learning/pitfalls or complexities  Seminar two chaired by: Jessica Bowles, Joint coordinator of APIL's spinal cord injury SIG, Irwin Mitchell LLP, London  Speaker: Gordon Exall, Barrister, Kings Chambers, Leeds, London and Manchester
<b>Breakout Session Two:</b>  <b>12:30 - 13:00</b>	<b>Liberty protection safeguarding</b> - DOLS and safeguarding in the context of catastrophic injuries - Guidance on approaching cases with welfare issues. - Where are we likely to end up? - Costs associated with welfare issues in serious injury cases? - Evidence required  Speaker: Caitlin Edwards, Barrister, Exchange Chambers, Liverpool	<b>The contribution of peer support to aid amputee recovery</b> - The impact of peer support on amputees - How they practically help amputees  Speaker: Emma Joy-Staines, Steel Bones, Bury St Edmonds
<b>13:00 - 14:00</b>	<b>Lunch break</b> Served in the Exhibition Hall Kindly sponsored by Medicess	
<b>Breakout Session Three:</b>  <b>14:00 - 14:45</b>	<b>Dementia and traumatic brain injuries</b> - Outcome of Hicks - Can science prove a link? - Changes that we might see in rugby and football in consequence of the emerging concerns - Effect of dementia on a brain injured person  Speaker: Professor David Sharp, Professor of Neurology, Imperial College London	<b>Practical insights into inquests</b> - Including do's and don't's 'From the other side'  Speaker: Thea Wilson, Assistant Coroner, 12KBW, London
<b>Breakout Session Four:</b>  <b>14:50 - 15:30</b>	<b>The crossover between TBI and SCI</b>  Speaker: Hannah Wright, Brain Injury Coordinator, Royal Buckinghamshire Hospital, Aylesbury	<b>Current private prosthetic landscape and evolution of clinical practices</b> - Technological advances within the field - Changes to the private prosthetic market  Speaker: Jamie Gillespie, Prosthetist, Dorset Orthopaedic, Amersham



**15:30 - 16:00**

**Mid-afternoon break in the Exhibition Hall**

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**16:00 - 17:00**

**JPIL case and comment**

Speakers: Ronnie Conway, The Conway Accident Law Practice, Glasgow  
 Brett Dixon, APIL Secretary, Scott Moncrieff & Associates, Clitheroe  
 John McQuater, Switalskis Solicitors Ltd, Doncaster  
 Nathan Tavares KC, Outer Temple Chambers, London  
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**17:00**

**Close of Thursday conference**

# Thursday Evening Entertainment

19:30 - 20:15

**Drinks Reception**

20:15 - 01:00

**Dinner dance**

With disco and live entertainment  
Dress code - Smart  
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## Friday, 17 May

09:00 - 09:30

**Registration and welcome refreshments**

	Seminar one - Monarch Suite	Seminar two - York Suite
<b>Breakout Session Five:</b>  <b>09:30 - 10:15</b>	<b>Neuroradiology on brain injury</b> - Delays doing the imaging and subsequently surgery - Causation - Functional recovery - Deficit in any event - Advanced T3 scanning  Seminar chair: David Withers, Joint Co-ordinator of APIL's Brain Injury SIG, Irwin Mitchell, London  Speaker: Dr Kumar Das, Consultant Neuroradiologist, Walton Centre, Liverpool	<b>Forensic collision investigation</b> - How to get the best out of FCI - Documentation needed prior to instruction - Instructions without police reports - What software is available? - Useful evidence - Sense checking reports  Seminar chair: Jodee Mayer, Member of Conference Planning Committee, Stewarts, London  Speaker: Steve Cash, Principal Collision Investigation Consultant, Forensic Collision Investigation and Reconstruction Ltd, South Croydon
<b>Breakout Session Six:</b>  <b>10:20 - 11:00</b>	<b>Statutory funding on care</b>  Speaker: Cate Searle, MS Solicitors, Brighton	<b>Amputation claims from a legal perspective</b>  Speaker: John-Paul Swoboda, 12KBW, London

11:00 - 11:30

**Mid-morning break in the Exhibition Hall**

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11:30 - 11:35

**Welcome back**

Chaired by: Kate Venn, Member of Conference Planning Committee, Irwin Mitchell LLP, London

11:35 - 12:25

**FND claims: defences and allegations of malingering**

- Medicine and law around FND cases  
 - How to deal with common defences and allegations of malingering / fundamental dishonesty  
 Speakers: Hokman Wong, Bolt Burdon Kemp, London  
 Conor Dufficy, Barrister, 7BR, London

12:25 - 12:35

**Comfort break**

12:35 - 13:15

**Effective case management and costs budgeting in large cases**

- Hadley CoA case  
 - Strategy to deal with working with CM and MDT attendance point  
 - Budget assisting with presumptions/recoverability  
 Speakers: Matthew Stockwell, Past APIL President, Exchange Chambers, Liverpool  
 Harsheda Mistry, Costs Team, Stewarts, London

13:15 - 14:15

**Panel session: Accommodation claims**

Chaired by: Shahram Sharghy, 1COR, London  
 Panellists: Sheena Hardwick, Sherwood Therapy Services, Nottingham  
 Hugh Johnson, Stewarts, London  
 Steve Woodley, Wyvern Partnership, Devizes

14:15

**Close of conference - Takeaway Lunch**