



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
Monarch Suite Foyer

16:00 - 16:15

Welcome to the conference (Monarch Suite)
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

“Very enjoyable and informative conference”.

17:00 - 17:30

Regulation of Case Managers

- Where are we heading?
- Speakers: Carole Chantler, Chair, IRCM, Portsmouth

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

17:30 - 18:00

Digitalisation programme

Speakers: Jane Anderson, Irwin Mitchell LLP, Birmingham
Alex Davenport, Irwin Mitchell LLP, Cambridge

18:00

Close of day one conference

19:30 - 23:00

Informal welcome reception

Served in the King Suite
Kindly sponsored by 3D Rehabilitation



Thursday, 16 May

09:00 - 09:30

Registration and welcome refreshments

Monarch Suite Foyer and Exhibition Hall
Fabric bags kindly sponsored by Deka Chambers



09:30 - 09:35

Welcome to the day (Monarch Suite)

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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Accredited by:
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
Breakout Session One: 11:40 - 12:25	Teaching the world to sleep - 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	Fatal accidents - 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
Breakout Session Two: 12:30 - 13:00	Liberty protection safeguarding - 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	The contribution of peer support to aid amputee recovery - The impact of peer support on amputees - How they practically help amputees Speaker: Emma Joy-Staines, Steel Bones, Bury St Edmonds
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch break Served in the Exhibition Hall Kindly sponsored by Medicess	
Breakout Session Three: 14:00 - 14:45	Dementia and traumatic brain injuries - 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	Practical insights into inquests - Including do's and don't's 'From the other side' Speaker: Thea Wilson, Assistant Coroner, 12KBW, London
Breakout Session Four: 14:50 - 15:30	The crossover between TBI and SCI Speaker: Hannah Wright, Brain Injury Coordinator, Royal Buckinghamshire Hospital, Aylesbury	Current private prosthetic landscape and evolution of clinical practices - 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 (Monarch Suite)

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

Monarch Suite Foyer

20:15 - 01:00

Dinner dance

Monarch Suite - 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
Breakout Session Five: 09:30 - 10:15	Neuroradiology on brain injury - Delays doing the imaging and subsequently surgery - Causation - Functional recovery - Deficit in any event - Advanced T3 scanning Seminar chair: Kate Venn, Member of Conference Planning Committee, Irwin Mitchell LLP, London Speaker: Dr Kumar Das, Consultant Neuroradiologist, Walton Centre, Liverpool	Forensic collision investigation - 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
Breakout Session Six: 10:20 - 11:00	Statutory funding on care Speaker: Cate Searle, MS Solicitors, Brighton	Amputation claims from a legal perspective 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 (Monarch Suite)

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: Conor Dufficy, Barrister, 7BR, London

Hokman Wong, Bolt Burdon Kemp, 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: Harsheda Mistry, Costs Team, Stewarts, London

Matthew Stockwell, Past APIL President, Exchange Chambers, Liverpool

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: Hot buffet or takeaway lunch

Hot sit-down buffet served in the Lancaster Room

Speakers, topics and programme may be subject to change