

## Costs update - 2nd quarter 2020

Friday, 12 June  
12:00 - 13:00

The webinar, presented by APIL immediate past-president Brett Dixon, and current costs special interest group co-ordinator Gary Barker will cover:

- Latest on Coronavirus procedure and hearing changes
- Online PI claim process
- Where are we on the new Whiplash and Small Claims system?
- Difficult clients, is your CFA valid?
- Changing funding mid case
- Fixed costs and behaviour
- Fixed costs – contracting out?
- Costs on exiting the Portal
- QOCS costs set off
- Part 36
- Interim costs
- Joint settlement meetings and costs
- Costs budgets



**Brett Dixon** is a senior fellow of APIL and current immediate president. He works as a personal injury solicitor in Lancashire dealing primarily with employers' liability matters and catastrophic injuries.

Appointed in 2015 as a solicitor member of the Civil Procedure Rule Committee and a member of their sub-committee tasked with rewriting the disease and illness pre-action protocol.

Brett is an active member of the APIL executive committee and was elected by the membership of APIL to be the vice president 2016-2017. He delivers training regularly on behalf of APIL via webinars and face to face courses including at the annual conference and national costs conferences. Brett also tours the UK annually providing the 'Accidents at work' update course.



**Gary Barker** qualified as a solicitor in 1982. He spent 20 years with two high street practices, specialising in civil litigation and personal injury work. At both firms he took on responsibility for practice development which was to see a fourfold increase in their growth.

He also took on a part-time training role, working for a number of course providers and, with the advent of the Woolf reforms, was soon presenting courses virtually full time. From 2001 to 2004 he was head of practice development at the Law Society.

Gary is now a practising solicitor again, which he combines with being a costs consultant and a freelance trainer. Gary is an assistant lecturer at the Open University.