

Costs update - summer 2019 - all you need to know!

Friday, 28 June
12:00 - 13:00

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

- MoJ consultaion on fixed fees
- CPR changes since our last costs update
- Latest on proportionality
- Latest on revision of budget
- Fixing success fees
- Medical reports and VAT
- Fees for medical records
- Challenges to costs assessment (points in dispute)
- Electronic Bill – to use or not to use?
- Indemnity costs – when can you get them?
- Can you get paid if you end the retainer?
- Costs when the claim settles or gets judgement for much less than claimed
- What challenges can be made once there is a good reason to depart from a budget?

Speakers



Brett Dixon is a senior fellow of APIL. 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. Brett became president of APIL in May 2017, at the APIL annual conference. 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.