

## Costs update: winter 2017

Wednesday, 13 December  
12:00 - 13:00

This webinar will allow you to keep up to date with all the changes in costs over the past 3 months

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

- **Proportionality** – Where are we after BNM v MGN Ltd?
- **Indemnity costs** – The shifting ground on when indemnity costs can be awarded
- **Assigning retainers** – why did it take so long for the Court of Appeal to decide Budana and where does the decision leave us?
- **Clinical negligence fixed costs** – Is there anyone out there and what are they doing?
- **Costs budgeting** – The latest issues including the comments of Warby J
- **Jackson fixed costs** – The latest thinking from the government and the Civil Procedure Rules Committee
- **New Bill of Costs** – when must we use it and what do we do about costs already incurred and recorded?

### Technical requirements

You will need access to the internet on your PC, plus audio speakers. If you do not have access to speakers you will be able to receive audio via a phone line. Further information on how to log on to the webinar will be sent via email a week before the event.



**Brett Dixon** is a 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 has been elected by the membership of APIL to be the president in 2017-2018

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.