

## Essential occupiers' liability and public liability cases update - autumn 2017

Tuesday, 21 November 2017

12:00 - 13:00

This webinar picks up on some of the cases from our ever popular PI update series and also reviews how to deal with some of the procedural pitfalls in occupiers' and public liability claims.

Presented by APIL president Brett Dixon this will cover:

- What are the building blocks for success in an OL case?
- Danger on the premises – is that subjectively or objectively assessed?
- What should occupier do when they identify a danger?
- How does the law treat children in such circumstances and in relation to contributory negligence?
- What you need to know about s4 of the Defective Premises Act 1972.
- Does the court approach a defect under it differently to under the Occupiers Liability Act?
- The factors taken in to account and how the test works under the DPA in practice.
- Success on a Highways Act case in the Court of Appeal!
- How systems work under s58(1) of the Highways Act 1980
- Weekend and out of hours cover
- Dealing with category 1 defects
- Codes of practice
- Reports of danger by the public to a highways authority
- Systems of inspection in relation to trees on land adjacent to roadways
- What happens to a defendant who attempts to lie to avoid liability
- Where can you get evidence on what is an appropriate period between inspections



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 runs Brett Dixon Training Limited delivering specialist legal training throughout the UK. He was appointed in 2015 as a solicitor member of the Civil Procedure Rule Committee.

He is also a member of their sub-committee dealing with reform of the court system and implementation of the pilot schemes for the online court system. He is also a member of the HMCTS professional engagement group.

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 was elected president of APIL at the 2017 annual conference.

He delivers training regularly on behalf of APIL via webinars and face to face courses including at the annual conference and other conferences. Brett also tours the UK annually writing and delivering the 'PI Update' and 'Accidents at work' update courses.