

Expert witness training: legal conferences under the “new normal”

(LIVE WEBINAR)

Friday, 29 May
13:00 - 14:00

This webinar, aimed specifically at expert witnesses will cover:

- General introduction
- What is the purpose of a conference with experts; what do lawyers hope to get out of them?
- At what stages in the case do conferences typically occur and why?
- Common issues with expert reports - why might these prompt a conference?
- Preparing for the conference
- Liability conferences v quantum conferences – what is the difference?
- The standard of proof and legal tests, am I applying the right tests when answering questions in conference?
- What should I comment on and when should I keep quiet?
- Dealing with conflict
- What do legal teams appreciate and not appreciate in conference?
- Conferences to prepare for trial, what can and cannot happen
- What to do following the conference



Richard Baker is a barrister at 7BR Chambers. He is described by Chambers and Partners and the Legal 500 as a leading junior specialising in personal injury and clinical negligence work and has been ranked in both areas for a number of years. He has built up a busy and successful practice and wins praise for his advocacy and problem solving skills but also his ability to relate to his clients, especially the bereaved. He has been an Assistant Coroner for South Yorkshire (East) since 2011 and has earned an excellent reputation for his ability to manage complicated and difficult inquests.

Richard is happy to accept work from Claimants or Defendant organisations.



Ian Christian is a Partner at Irwin Mitchell specialising in medical law. He is also head of the London Personal Injury department. He is recognised as one of the country's leading medical negligence litigators with experience throughout the High Court and Court of Appeal systems.

His area of specialism is in birth and neonatal cases including cerebral and Erb's palsy injuries, as well as still birth and wrongful birth cases. He also has significant experience in claims involving hypoglycaemia, hyperbilirubinaemia and retinopathy of prematurity cases.

Ian is a member of the Law Society's Clinical Negligence panel. He is a Fellow within APIL and an active member of AvMA. He co-authored the 1st and 2nd editions of the APIL Clinical Negligence guide and has written widely on the issue of patient safety. He regularly lectures to the legal and medical profession both in the UK and abroad.