Fatal accidents:
Law, practice, procedure and compassion

Programme

9:00am – 9:30am **Registration**

9.30am – 9.45am **Introduction**
- What we are about
- Practice procedure and compassion
- Importance of substantive knowledge
- Procedural efficiency in reducing the stress to the claimants

9.45am - 10.15am **Understanding the law relating to fatal accidents – background to the law**
- Background to the fatal accident legislation
- Who is a "dependant"
- Who can bring a claim

10.15am – 10.30am **What will the client be concerned about when they first see you?**
- What do they want to know
- What do they need to know?

10.30am – 11.15am **Seeing the client for the first time**
- What do they want to know?
- What do they need to know?
- Who is the client?
- Retainers, drafting them carefully

11.15am – 11.45am **Refreshment break**

11.30am – 11.45am **How do you investigate a dependency claim, preparing checklists and preparing the client**

11.45am – 12.15pm **Investigating a financial dependency claim**

12.15pm – 1.00pm **Non-financial dependency claims**
- Loss of a carer
- Bereavement damages
- Funeral expenses
- Other heads of damage

2.00pm - 2.45pm **Losses of the deceased prior to death**
- Pain and suffering
- Care
- Pre-death losses

2.45pm - 3.30 pm	**Procedural issues – and avoiding problems with fatal accidents**

- Pleadings.
- Schedules of damage
- Witness statements
- Limitation
- Procedural problems
- Apportionment

3.30pm - 3.45pm	**Refreshment break**
3.45pm – 4.15pm	**Preparing the client for the Coroner's Court and the hearing**
4.15pm - 4.30pm	**Claims for others arising out of the death**

- Claims for psychological damage arising out of the death of others

4.30pm – 5.00pm	**Closing session and questions**
5:00pm	**Close**

*Please note that the programme is subject to change

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All levels - 6 hours