

**BECOME A TWO STAR
EXPERT THROUGH
APIL!**



Legal training for medical expert witnesses (LIVE VIRTUAL EVENT)

The Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL) is pleased to announce the development of brand new training events for expert witnesses, geared towards both claimant and defendant experts.

These courses aim to deliver practical guidance to assist you in developing the skills and knowledge required to become a good expert. They can serve as an introduction but also as a refresher, to improve your current skill-set.

Who should attend?

Medical professionals of all specialties who wish to become or who are already experts, reporting on issues of liability and condition and prognosis.

APIL database of experts

APIL provides an expert database for its membership. It has been designed to speed up the litigation process by providing APIL members with suitably qualified experts to assist with their cases.

APIL experts are categorised as follows:

- Tier 1**:
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 - Tier 1:
 - Tier 2:
 - Tier 3:
- Experts recommended by APIL members, completed both courses
Experts recommended by APIL members, completed one course
Experts recommended by APIL members
Experts recognised by expert witness organisations such as the Expert Witness Institute or Society of Expert Witnesses (who do not hold an APIL member reference)
Experts without recommendation or external recognition

About APIL

APIL has been fighting for the rights of injured people for almost 30 years. A not-for-profit campaign organisation, APIL's 3,300 member lawyers (mainly solicitors, barristers and legal executives) are dedicated to protecting and enhancing access to justice, changing the law where appropriate, and improving the services provided for victims of personal injury. Over the years APIL has grown to become the leading, most respected organisation in this field, constantly working to promote and develop expertise in the practise of personal injury law, for the benefit of injured people.

PLEASE NOTE!

There will be two further events geared towards non-medical experts which are currently under development. These events will be as follows:

24 November - Non-medical experts - quantum - care, rehab, architects, employment, orthotics, prostheses, language, accommodation

9 December - Non-medical experts - liability - engineers, accident reconstruction, forensics

LIVE VIRTUAL EVENT

27 OCTOBER 2020

- **Introduction & welcome with the course speakers**
Speakers: *Sam Elsby, APIL president Dean Wilson LLP, Brighton*
Nicola Heales, Bevirs Law, Wiltshire
- **Session 1:**
The law and the role of expert evidence generally
The role, duties of solicitors to the court; the expert and their client
 - the skills needed
- **Session 2: Medico-legal reporting in injury claims**
 - in the context of the legal rules including the burden and standard of proof
- **Session 3: Report writing 1**
 - information and documents to expect from solicitors
 - experts' duties
 - background evidence disputed or agreed
 - meeting and examining the claimant
 - the fraudulent claimant - fraud/exaggeration and 'functional overlay'
 - facts v opinion
- **Session 4: Report writing 2**
 - contents and format of report - with examples
 - opinion issues (medical)
 - opinion issues (causation) - prognosis and future claims
 - the use of textbook references and medical papers
- **Session 5: How the report is used to evaluate the claim**
 - amending or altering your report
 - changing experts and cases with experts of more than one discipline
 - considering and responding to reports from the 'other side'
 - replying to written questions
- **Session 6: Court directions**
 - including joint expert discussions
- **Session 7: Legal costs/costs budgets**
 - terms & conditions
 - fees
 - payment



This course will include the latest case law developments on written questions to experts; covert recording of medical examinations, and why the expert in *Thimmaya v Lancashire NHS Foundation Trust* (Reported 20th January 2020) was ordered to pay £89,000 in legal costs plus the latest case on expert's duties: *A v X, Y & Z* (reported April 2020)

Expert witness training - provided by APIL

Course	Current APIL expert (please circle)	Not a current APIL expert (please circle)
Legal training for medical expert witnesses LIVE VIRTUAL EVENT	£240 + VAT	£315 + VAT

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Name of delegate: _____

Firm: _____

APIL no: _____ Tel no: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Please detail any dietary requirements: _____

(Please note that all dietary requirements can be catered for with prior notice, although, if there is an additional charge for this by the venue or it has to be sourced externally, the charge will be passed onto the delegate).

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