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Psychiatric injury and clinical negligence claims: current issues

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This on-demand session will explore, and explain, some important current themes in claims for psychiatric injury arising out of clinical negligence including:

- The distinction between primary victims and secondary victims
- The approach of the courts to primary victims
- The different approach with secondary victims
- What is an "event" that will found a secondary victim claim?
- Claims for sub-standard psychiatric treatment

Technical requirements

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He provides professional training on a range of subjects including procedure, practice management, occupiers' liability, contributory negligence, clinical negligence and evidence as well as regular updates on developments in the law. He has chaired sessions, and spoken, at many conferences including APIL annual conferences, APIL clinical negligence conferences, the APIL catastrophic injuries conference and APIL business conferences.