

The new Bill of Costs and the need to code work

Tuesday, 13 March 2018
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The new electronic bill will come into force on 6th April 2018

This webinar, presented by knowledgeable costs expert Seamus Kelly and CPRC sub-committee member Gary Barker will cover:

- Learning how to understand the new bill
- Why is the new bill needed?
- When will the changes take place and what are the exemptions?
- Do I need to use J Codes and why do I need to change the way I record time?
- Understanding of the phase, task, activity and expense codes
- Must I use J Codes or can I do something else?



Gary Barker qualified as a solicitor in 1982 and spent almost 20 years with two high street practices, specialising in personal injury and general civil litigation.

He also presented courses in personal injury, costs and civil litigation procedure for a number of course providers. From 2001 to 2004 he was head of practice development at the Law Society where he represented them at the Civil Justice Council costs forums.

Gary is now a practicing solicitor again, which he combines with being a freelance trainer and an Associate Tutor at the Open University. Gary is currently the co-ordinator of the APIL costs and funding special interest group and co author of the APIL guide to costs and funding.



Seamus Kelly was called to the Bar in 2012, and has completed both the LLB and LLM. Seamus has over 14 years' experience studying and working in law, and first moved into costs in 2009. He has represented both Claimants and Defendants, and is therefore able to draw on this to provide thorough and balanced advice to clients.

Seamus joined the PIC Newcastle office as a Costs Consultant in February 2017 and progressed to become Team Leader in October 2017. Throughout this time Seamus has managed a varied case load, consisting primarily of multi-track litigation matters. Seamus is involved at all stages of the costs procedure, including drafting detailed bills of costs and budgets, advising clients, conducting negotiations, preparing Replies to Points of Dispute and attending Court. Seamus is a meticulous worker and as such has an exceptional eye for detail. He is also particularly conversant with complex funding issues, as he regularly advises clients in this area.