

# Expert evidence conference 2024: Winning cases and winning trials

Thursday, 14 November 2024  
7 Bedford Row, London

## Programme\*

09:00 – 09:30	<b>Registration and refreshments</b>
09:30 – 09:35	<b>Introduction &amp; welcome</b> Chair: Hugh Preston KC, 7 Bedford Row, London
09:35 – 10:10	<b>Keynote address</b> Speaker: Hugh Preston KC, 7 Bedford Row, London
10:10 – 11:00	<b>The role of an expert witness through the litigation process</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Straddling Part 35 responsibilities and establishing a working relationship for lawyers and experts</li> <li>- Preparation of reports, preparation for expert meetings, responses to Part 35 questions</li> <li>- Trial prep</li> </ul> Speakers: Ian Christian, FieldFisher, London Dr Megan Smith, Consultant Anaesthetist, Guy's and St Thomas's NHS Foundation Trust, London
11:00 - 11:20	<b>Break in the exhibition area</b>
11:20 – 12:10	<b>Expert evidence in the witness box</b> Speaker: Tom Quick, Consultant Surgeon, Peripheral Nerve Injury Unit, Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital, Stanmore, UK
12:10 – 13:00	<b>Counsel overview</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pitfalls that experts fall into</li> <li>- What mistakes are made early on?</li> </ul> Speaker: Richard Baker, APIL EC Member, 7BR, London
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch break
14:00 – 14:05	<b>Welcome back</b> Chair: Ian Christian, Irwin Mitchell LLP, London
14:05 – 15:10	<b>Mock cross-examination</b> Practical demonstration of how to cope under cross examination Speakers: Conor Dufficy, Barrister, 7BR, London Sarah Edwards, Barrister, 7BR, London
15:10 – 15:30	<b>Break in the exhibition area</b>
15:30 – 16:30	<b>Closing panel session</b> Speakers: Richard Baker, APIL EC Member, 7BR, London Ian Christian, Irwin Mitchell LLP, London Sarah Edwards, Barrister, 7BR, London Hugh Preston KC, 7 Bedford Row, London
16:30	<b>Close of conference programme</b>
16:30 – 17:00	<b>Networking session</b>