

Fixed Recoverable Costs Conference 2024

Friday, 8 November



Morning programme - Open to both APIL members and non-members

Principles, Impact and Future of Fixed Recoverable Costs

The morning conference will give a high level view which will help practitioners to understand the reason behind the extension to fixed recoverable costs.

This half day session will provide an understanding, from distinguished speakers and opinion formers, on the thinking behind fixed costs and the impact - for both claimants and defendants - of the extension of fixed recoverable costs. We will also look at 'The future' with a particular emphasis on the next steps for a digital justice system; the role of dispute resolution and the forthcoming recommendations from the Civil Justice Council on pre-action protocols.

We are honoured to welcome The Right Honourable Lord Justice Birss to give the keynote address at this exclusive in-person event.

Programme*

9.00am – 9.30am	Virtual event opened
9.30am – 10.20am	Panel session: Fixed costs principles Chair: John McQuater, APIL EC Member, Switalskis Solicitors Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Nicholas Bacon KC, 4 New Square Chambers- Nicola Critchley, Forum of Insurance Lawyers- His Honour Chris Lethem, Solicitor and Former Circuit Judge, London
10.20am – 10.50am	Keynote Address The Right Honourable Lord Justice Birss
10.50am – 11.05am	Comfort break
11.05am – 11.55am	Panel session: The impact of extended fixed costs for claimants and defendants Chair: Jonathan Scarsbrook, Immediate Past APIL President, Irwin Mitchell LLP Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Howard Dean, Forum of Insurance Lawyers- Jack Ridgway, Bolt Burdon Kemp, London- Ben Sundborg, Senior Practice Manager, 12KBW, London
11.55am – 12.00pm	Comfort break
12.05pm – 1.00pm	Panel session: The future Chair: John McQuater, APIL EC Member, Switalskis Solicitors Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- His Honour Judge Nigel Bird, Designated Civil Judge, Senior Circuit Judge, Manchester Civil and Family Justice Centre- Brett Dixon, APIL Secretary, Scott Moncrieff & Associates- Professor Andrew Higgins, Professor of Civil Justice Systems, Faculty of Law, University of Oxford- Frances McCarthy, Trust Mediation Ltd
1.00pm	Close of event

*Programme, topics and speakers may be subject to change