

# Fixed Recoverable Costs Conference 2024

Friday, 8 November

Marriott Marble Arch Hotel, London



Building a Brighter Future  
for Injured People

**Morning Session:** Principles, Impact and Future of Fixed Recoverable Costs

**Afternoon Session:** Practicalities, Tactics and Know-How for Working in a Fixed Costs Environment

## **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 the Marriott Marble Arch Hotel, London to give the keynote address at this exclusive in-person event.

## **Afternoon session - APIL members only:**

### **Practicalities, Tactics and Know-How for Working in a Fixed Costs Environment**

APIL members are also invited to book the afternoon training session, which is a practical session - run by Brett Dixon and John McQuater - offering vital tips and tactics on how to deal with the new regime.

This afternoon session will look at more of the detail for practitioners on a practical and tactical level, considering the general to the specific: What the extension of fixed recoverable costs means day-to-day for practitioners and how to future-proof practices.

## Morning programme\*

### Principles, Impact and Future of Fixed Recoverable Costs

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| <b>9.00am – 9.30am</b>   | <b>Registration and welcome refreshments</b>  |
| <b>9.30am – 10.20am</b>  | <p><b>Panel session: Fixed costs principles</b><br/>           Chair: John McQuater, APIL EC Member, Switalskis Solicitors<br/>           Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Nicholas Bacon KC, 4 New Square Chambers</li> <li>- Nicola Critchley, Forum of Insurance Lawyers</li> <li>- His Honour Chris Lethem, Solicitor and Former Circuit Judge, London</li> </ul>   |
| <b>10.20am – 10.50am</b> | <p><b>Keynote Address</b><br/>           The Right Honourable Lord Justice Birss</p>  |
| <b>10.50am – 11.05am</b> | <b>Comfort break</b>  |
| <b>11.05am – 11.55am</b> | <p><b>Panel session: The impact of extended fixed costs for claimants and defendants</b><br/>           Chair: Jonathan Scarsbrook, Immediate Past APIL President, Irwin Mitchell LLP<br/>           Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Howard Dean, Forum of Insurance Lawyers</li> <li>- Jack Ridgway, Bolt Burdon Kemp, London</li> <li>- Ben Sundborg, Senior Practice Manager, 12KBW, London</li> </ul>  |
| <b>11.55am – 12.10pm</b> | <b>Comfort break</b>  |
| <b>12.10pm – 1.00pm</b>  | <p><b>Panel session: The future</b><br/>           Chair: John McQuater, APIL EC Member, Switalskis Solicitors<br/>           Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- His Honour Judge Nigel Bird, Designated Civil Judge, Senior Circuit Judge, Manchester Civil and Family Justice Centre</li> <li>- Brett Dixon, APIL Secretary, Scott Moncrieff &amp; Associates</li> <li>- Professor Andrew Higgins, Professor of Civil Justice Systems, Faculty of Law, University of Oxford</li> <li>- Frances McCarthy, Trust Mediation Ltd</li> </ul> |
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| <b>1.00pm – 2.00pm</b>   | <p><b>Sit-down buffet lunch for all attendees</b><br/> <b>Registration for afternoon delegates (afternoon session - APIL members only)</b></p>  |
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## Afternoon programme\*

### Practicalities, Tactics and Know-How for Working in a Fixed Costs Environment

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| <b>2.00pm – 3.30pm</b> | <p><b>Training course part one – Tips and tactics</b><br/>           Brett Dixon and John McQuater</p>           |
| <b>3.30pm – 3.45pm</b> | <b>Mid-afternoon break</b>   |
| <b>3.45pm – 5.15pm</b> | <p><b>Training course part two – Tips and tactics continued</b><br/>           Brett Dixon and John McQuater</p> |
| <b>5.15pm</b>          | <b>Close of conference</b>   |

\*Programme, topics and speakers may be subject to change