

# Essential Costs Law Update

# for Clinical Negligence Professionals

22 October 2015, De Vere Holborn Bars, London

3 November 2015, Manchester Conference Centre

The complex issue of costs budgeting and management has never been so important for legal practitioners. AvMA are therefore running the Essential Costs Law Update in both London and Manchester, on 22 October and 3 November respectively. The programme of leading costs experts will provide you with practical advice, up to date details on policy developments and the knowledge you require to fully understand the impact of costs on your cases and clients.

## Conference Programme

Chair: Colin Campbell

CPD:  
5 hours  
APIL & Bar:  
accreditation to be  
confirmed

09.15 Registration and refreshments

10:00 Chair's welcome

### 10:15 Proportionality

The overriding objective changed on 1st April 2013 to:

"These Rules are a new procedural code with the overriding objective of enabling the court to deal with cases justly and at proportionate cost."

The reality is due to case portfolio structure and timing of issuing proceedings on cases the new proportionality rules have only just started to effect cost recoveries. This session will set out the meaning of the rules and also analyse current case law to demonstrate how judges are applying the rules.

**Reuben Glynn, Managing Director of PIC Legal Costs Limited, contributor to Greenslade on Costs, National Law Society practical budgeting expert**

11:15 Refreshments

### 11:30 Cost mediation

Given the need for all litigation to be dealt with at a proportionate cost, consideration of alternative dispute resolution is essential. Why should this only be considered in the substantive proceedings and not apply to costs recovery? Discover the types of cost mediation and understand the benefits of the process.

**Colin Campbell - Colin had been a Costs Judge of the Senior Courts Costs Office since 1996 and a Costs Officer of the Supreme Court (UK) since 2009, until his retirement in April this year. He is joint Editor of the Costs Law Reports, an Editor of the Green Book and the General Editor of Greenslade on Costs.**

### 12:15 ATE premium recovery

Recovery of after the event insurance premiums from the paying party changed on 1st April 2013 with the introduction of Recovery of Costs Insurance Premiums in Clinical Negligence Proceedings Regulations 2013. The new rules have taken some time to be tested but we now have a few cases which give strong guidance. One such case is Nokes –v- Heart of England Foundation NHS Trust – as handed down on 29th May 2015 in the High Court. Fully understand the implications.

**David Pipkin, Director Underwriting Division, Temple Legal Protection**

13:00 Lunch

### 14:00 A & Anor v Royal Mail Group [2015] EW Misc B24 (CC) and changes to Part 21 and PD21 Children and protected parties

Many solicitors are taking a simplistic approach and applying 100% success fees across the board. What is the current best practice regarding collecting success fees from protected parties? What is a reasonable success fee? Do you need a detailed Risk Assessment? Does this have wider implications regarding all client recoverable success fees?

**Sian Reeves & Matthew Waszak, Barristers, Temple Garden Chambers**

### 14:45 Merger and acquisition in the clinical negligence industry

**Zoe Holland, Managing Director, Zebra Legal Consulting**

15:30 Refreshments

### 15:45 Inquest costs

Lynch -v- Chief Constable of Warwickshire Police, Warwickshire County Council and Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust - this represents one of the first proper interrogations into what are the reasonable and proportionate recoverable costs of inquests in subsequent civil proceedings following (Roach v Home Office [2009] EWHC 312 (QB)).

**London: Mark James Barrister, Temple Garden Chambers**

**Manchester: Shaman Kapoor, Barrister, Temple Garden Chambers**

16:30 Chair's closing remarks

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