

# Experts and Lawyers – Working Better Together

## Evening of 13 February 2019 St John's Chambers, Bristol #ClinNegExpert

CPD: **2 hours**  
(RCP accreditation to be confirmed)

SRA competencies: **B**

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Lawyers and experts are on the same team – lawyers need to learn to instruct properly; experts need to report in a focused and timely manner. This forum will provide lawyers and experts with shared essential learning and an important opportunity to network and discuss issues and concerns to result in working together more effectively.

Mr Richard Kerr will give a fascinating insight into experiences he has come across in his medico-legal practice and his work with lawyers, before Christopher Sharp QC, Barrister, St John's Chambers, examines Witness and Expert Evidence, looking at the choice of expert, the report and the joint statement. A panel of experts will then discuss and take questions on the key issues and best practice surrounding medical experts and lawyers working together.

It is intended to be an informal, interactive evening, where the views of lawyers and experts are encouraged and welcomed. There will also be opportunity to continue conversations over drinks immediately after the seminar.

## CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Chair:

**16.00 REGISTRATION AND REFRESHMENTS**

**16.30 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

LISA O'DWYER, Director, Medico-Legal Services, Action against Medical Accidents (AvMA)

**16.45 EXPERIENCES OF A MEDICO-LEGAL PRACTICE AND WORKING WITH LAWYERS**

MR RICHARD KERR, Consultant Neurosurgeon, The Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford

**17.30 REFRESHMENTS**

**17.45 WITNESS AND EXPERT EVIDENCE**

CHRISTOPHER SHARP QC, Barrister, St John's Chambers

- Choice of expert
- The report
- The joint statement

**18.25 PANEL FORUM: MEDICAL EXPERTS AND LAWYERS - KEY ISSUES AND STRIVING FOR BEST PRACTICE**

CLAIRE STONEMAN, Partner, Enable Law;

VANESSA MCKINLAY, Barrister, St John's Chambers;

CHRISTOPHER SHARP QC, Barrister, St John's Chambers

MR RICHARD KERR, Consultant Neurosurgeon, The Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford

**18.55 DRINKS AND NETWORKING**

**19.30 CLOSE OF THE EVENING**

NB: Programme and timings may be subject to change

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**SWIFTBIC:** CPBKGB22 **IBAN:** GB66CPBK 089299 65583630

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