

Experts and Lawyers - Working Better Together



**Evening of 23 January
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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 together and discuss issues and concerns to result in working together more effectively.

Professor Simon Mitchell will give a fascinating insight into experiences he has come across in his medico-legal practice and his work with lawyers, before Richard Copnall, Barrister, Parklane Plowden, 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 an opportunity to continue conversations over drinks immediately after the seminar.

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

17.00 REGISTRATION AND REFRESHMENTS

17.30 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

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

17.45 EXPERIENCES OF A MEDICO-LEGAL PRACTICE AND WORKING WITH LAWYERS

PROFESSOR SIMON MITCHELL, Consultant Neonatologist, St Mary's Hospital Manchester

18.30 REFRESHMENTS BREAK

18:45 WITNESS AND EXPERT EVIDENCE

RICHARD COPNALL, Barrister, Parklane Plowden

- Choice of expert
- The report
- The joint statement

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

RACHELLE MAHAPATRA, Partner, Irwin Mitchell Solicitors;
PROFESSOR SIMON MITCHELL, Consultant Neonatologist; &
RICHARD COPNALL, Barrister, Parklane Plowden

20.05 DRINKS AND NETWORKING

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