

<b>EXPERT WITNESS INSTITUTE</b> <b>2017 ANNUAL CONFERENCE &amp; DINNER</b> <b>INSIDE OUT, UPSIDE DOWN – EXPERTS UNDER PRESSURE</b>		
	<b>SPEAKERS</b>	<b>SESSION</b>
<b>09.00 - 09.25</b>	<b>Registration and Coffee - Harvey Goodwin Suite</b>	
<b>09.25 - 09.30</b>	<b>AMANDA STEVENS</b> Conference Chair & EWI Governor CEO <i>Hudgell Solicitors</i>	<b>Conference Welcome</b>
<b>09.30 -10.15</b>	<b>THE RT. HON LORD JUSTICE JACKSON</b> Lord Justice of Appeal	<b>KEYNOTE ADDRESS</b> Inside Out, Upside Down- Legal Costs Under Pressure
<b>10.15 - 11.00</b>	<b>JO MILLINGTON</b> Senior Forensic Scientist <i>ArroGen Forensics Limited</i>  <b>DENISE SYNDERCOMBE-COURT</b> Reader in Forensic Genetics <i>King's College London</i>  <b>MARK STOKES</b> Head of Digital, Cyber & Communications Forensic Unit <i>Metropolitan Police Service</i>	<b>NEW FORENSIC SCIENCE REGULATIONS</b>  This panel will discuss the impact of the new forensic science regulations and the effects this will have on CCTV, data capture and mobile phone triage.
<b>11.00 - 11.30</b>	<b>Coffee Break - Harvey Goodwin Suite</b>	
<b>11.30 - 12.00</b>	<b>JOHN K O'DOWD FRCSOrth</b> Consultant Spinal Surgeon  <b>DONALD FOWLER</b> Chief Executive <i>Premex Group Ltd</i>	<b>SOFT TISSUE INJURY PANEL</b>  The Government remains committed to reforming low value personal injury (PI) cases in an attempt to stamp out fraudulent claims and what it calls the UK's "compensation culture". Through its Civil Liability Bill, it plans to ban the settling of claims without medical evidence and will introduce a new fixed tariff of compensations for soft tissue injuries.  With the Civil Procedure Rule Committee also expected to raise the small claims limit for PI claims, the whole sector faces a period of adjustment.  This panel discussion will look at the impact on expert witnesses in terms of changing requirements and increased cost pressures and examine ways those experts may have to adapt.
<b>12.00 - 12.30</b>	<b>MARTIN SPENCER QC</b> Chair <i>The Expert Witness Institute</i>	<b>INAUGURAL ADDRESS FROM EWI CHAIR</b>  The challenges and opportunities facing expert witnesses today have never been greater. As the EWI enters its third decade,

		<p>it has never had a more important role to play in supporting and championing the work of its members – raising standards through its training programs and robust membership criteria; advocating on behalf of expert witnesses with the judiciary and government; and promoting its members as the experts of choice.</p> <p>As the recently appointed chair, Martin Spencer QC will outline his vision for the Institute and how it plans to be increasingly relevant and important to all expert witnesses.</p>
<p><b>12.30 - 13.15</b></p>	<p><b>MARTIN SPENCER QC</b>  <b>EWI Chair</b>  <i>Hailsham Chambers</i></p> <p><b>ALLEN HIRSON</b>  <b>Senior Lecturer in Phonetics &amp; Director of the Speech Acoustics Laboratory</b>  <i>City University, London</i></p> <p><b>SANDY MACKAY</b>  <b>Chartered Architect &amp; Principal Consultant</b>  <i>BRE</i></p>	<p><b>GOVERNORS' QUESTION TIME</b></p> <p>A chance to speak direct to the governors of the EWI on any topic that comes to mind. What plans do they have for the EWI over the next 5 years? What do they think of the negative media currently surrounding expert witnesses? Do they believe 'hot-tubbing' is a good or bad thing? What reforms are needed to ensure the vital role of experts is enhanced? How long before George Osborne returns to politics? Who will win the World Cup next year?</p> <p>No questions are 'off limits' in what is always a lively session.</p>
<p><b>13.15 - 14.15</b></p>	<p><b>Lunch - Harvey Goodwin Suite</b></p>	
<p><b>14.15 - 15.15</b></p>	<p><b>MIKE NAPIER CBE QC LLD</b>  <b>Consultant</b>  <i>Harbour Litigation Ltd</i></p> <p><b>SIR HENRY CARR</b>  <b>Justice of the High Court</b></p> <p><b>The HON MR JUSTICE FOSKETT</b>  <b>High Court Judge</b></p> <p><b>HH SIR PETER THORNTON QC LLD</b>  <b>Chief Coroner of England and Wales (2012-2016)</b></p>	<p><b>MAIN PANEL SESSION</b></p> <p>As the conference theme makes clear, there are an increasing number of pressures and challenges that are having a far-reaching impact on the role of experts and expert evidence. Concurrent evidence or 'hot-tubbing', fixed fees, personal injury reforms, growing concerns over the shortcomings of forensic support in criminal cases, third party funding as a method of paying expert witnesses in civil actions and arbitration - are just some of the issues we face today. And who knows what is to come?</p> <p>This panel will examine all this and more to help navigate experts through these interesting times.</p>

15.15 - 16.00	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PETER HURST LLB MPhil FCIArb</b> Former Senior Costs Judge, England and Wales</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>DAVID MARSHALL</b> Managing Partner <i>Anthony Gold Solicitors</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ANDREW PARKER</b> Head of Strategic Litigation <i>DAC Beachcroft Claims Ltd</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FIXED COSTS SESSION</b></p> <p>With the much anticipated publication of Lord Justice Jackson’s 2017 Costs Review, the Department of Health’s plans to introduce fixed recoverable costs for clinical negligence, and the government’s planned reforms to the small claims limit in 2018, there has probably never been a busier year for costs fixing in civil litigation. What does it all mean for experts and those who instruct them?</p>
16.00 - 16.15	<b>Afternoon Tea - Harvey Goodwin Suite</b>	
16.15 - 17.00	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CHRIS EASTON FRICS, MBEng</b> EWI Governor &amp; Founding Partner and Consultant <i>Easton Bevins</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>PAUL RAINE BSc FRICS MEWI</b> Chartered Surveyor <i>Expert Surveyors Group</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>EXPERTS GETTING PAID</b></p> <p>You’ve provided a high quality service, delivering everything your instructing solicitor required on time, and yet you have to battle to get paid. You’re not alone - research shows as many as 50% of experts do not get paid on time – but what can you do about it? This panel discussion will explore ways you can significantly improve your chances of being paid on time, and provide remedies for those times that you do not.</p>
17.00 - 17.15	<p><b>AMANDA STEVENS</b> Conference Chair</p>	<p><b>Conference Close</b></p>
17.15 - 18.00	<b>Drinks Reception - Harvey Goodwin Suite</b>	
18.00 - 21.00	<b>Dinner - Bishop Partridge Hall</b>	