

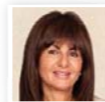
Speakers



Alasdair McKelvie,
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Workshop Leader



Helen Kaney,
Dento-legal Adviser,
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The role of the
Dento-legal Adviser



Hilary Firestone,
An Expert Witness
The role of the expert
witness



Kevin Lewis,
Dental Director,
Dental Protection
What can an international
perspective teach us?



Lynn Rees,
Dento-legal Adviser,
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Melanie Rowles,
Head of Claims
Management, MPS
The law of negligence:
breach of duty and
causation
Lord Justice Jackson's
Review – where are we
now?



Raj Rattan,
Senior Dento-legal
Consultant,
Dental Protection
The ethical dimension of
dento-legal cases



Stephen Henderson,
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GDC Fitness to Practise:
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Dento-legal STUDYDAY2012

Friday 30th March 2012

The Mermaid Conference and Events Centre, London



Welcome

Dento-legal Study Day 2012

The ever-changing interface between clinical dentistry, the many areas of law which impact upon the business and practise of dentistry, and the ethical dimension which underpins the healthcare environment, is an intriguing and intellectually challenging mix.

For many people already fortunate enough to be working in the dento-legal field it is a source of endless fascination; for others it generates an appetite that will hopefully be satisfied in the years to come.

Dental Protection's **Dento-legal Academy** is a collegiate professional development arena which aims to examine, with the help of dento-legal advisers, expert witnesses, solicitors, barristers and others, a range of topical legal and ethical

issues, to share information and to provide an avenue for training. This Study Day focuses upon some significant legal decisions at home and internationally, and provides an update on current and likely reforms to the civil justice and regulatory (GDC) systems.

An unmissable event for anyone interested in pursuing a dento-legal career and a timely update for those already involved in the field.

Includes 5.5 hours of core (law and ethics) verifiable CPD

Aims and Objectives

By the end of the day, delegates will be able to:

1. Understand some of the key elements involved in negligence claims and changes to the legal environment in which these claims may be brought
2. Understand the growing importance of ethics and professional conduct and how these issues can complicate the management of a complaint or claim
3. Understand the role of the solicitor and expert witness in the dento-legal process
4. Understand the recent criticisms of the GDC's Fitness to Practise procedures, the work of the Investigating Committee and the steps being taken to address recent problems
5. Appreciate that although the law operates differently in different parts of the world, there are lessons that can apply across jurisdictions from a risk management perspective

Programme

08.45 to 18.00

8.45 – 9.15 Registration and refreshments

9.15 – 9.25 Welcome and Introduction
Alasdair McKelvie

9.25 – 10.00 The law of negligence: breach of duty and causation

Melanie Rowles, will discuss the law of negligence and explain how a case is defended. Melanie will define how a 'breach of duty' is defined and explain the process of analysing whether or not a breach has caused any loss. Melanie will then review the role of the expert witness and the influence their report has on proceedings, and explain recent legal changes in relation to expert witness immunity in legal proceedings.

10.00 – 10.25 The role of the expert witness

Hilary Firestone, will set out the information she gathers from the solicitor when providing an expert's report for either the prosecution or defence. Hilary will set out the process undertaken and discuss how she tries to remain objective in often difficult situations.

10.25 – 10.45 Lord Justice Jackson's Review – where are we now?

Melanie Rowles, will outline the essentials of Lord Justice Jackson's January 2010 review of the costs environment in personal injury cases, the main recommendations of which have been accepted by the coalition government. What might this mean for the dental claims environment here in the UK?

10.45 – 11.00 Questions for Melanie Rowles and Hilary Firestone.

11.00 – 11.25 Refreshments and exhibition

11.25 – 12.00 What can an international perspective teach us?

Kevin Lewis, will give some practical examples of how working in so many different countries can help Dental Protection to stay ahead of the game in its risk management messages, and how legal decisions in one country can help us to anticipate and prepare for possible changes in another.

12.00 – 12.35 The ethical dimension of dento-legal cases

Raj Rattan, Senior Dento-Legal Consultant for Dental Protection will explain how issues of ethics and professional conduct can complicate the management of complaints and claims, as well as GDC cases. He will illustrate how and why this has become a problem of ever-growing significance for the work of indemnity organisations.

12.35 – 12.50 Questions for Kevin Lewis and Raj Rattan.

12.50 – 13.40 Lunch with speakers available to take questions.

13.40 – 14.10 GDC Fitness to Practise: a suitable case for treatment?

Stephen Henderson, will explain how and why the GDC's Fitness to Practise procedures have been in a process of change, and highlight some of the concerns raised by CHRE and others which have been driving these changes.

14.10 – 14.45 The Investigating Committee

The Speaker, will explore the crucial and central role of the GDC's Investigating Committee, the important features of a complaint that influence the decision to refer the case for further investigation and the weight given to various documents within the IC bundle. The speaker will also discuss the defendant registrant's input and the factors that influence what the IC bundle might/should contain.

14.45 – 15.20 Small group breakout session (1)

Delegates will be divided into four groups, facilitated by Dento-legal Advisers from Dental Protection. Each of the two sessions will allow one of the topics to be discussed.

Case study one (a GDC case)

Delegates will be asked to review a fictitious GDC case, using the information from the morning sessions to influence their thoughts and consider the key issues in the case.

Case study two (a negligence claim)

Delegates will be asked to review a fictitious clinical negligence claim. Armed with the information provided during the morning sessions, the group will consider how the case might proceed and what the likely outcome might be.

15.20 – 15.40 Refreshments and exhibition

15.40 – 16.15 Small group breakout session (2)

16.15 – 16.25 Review of group sessions

The Chair will briefly discuss the main themes running through the group sessions and tease out the issues the groups discovered.

16.25 – 16.55 The role of the Dento-legal Adviser

Helen Kaney, will describe the central role of the dento-legal adviser within a protection/defence organisation. Helen will describe the type of casework she is involved with, as well as discussing the many other, varied parts to her role including; preparing articles and delivering presentations, providing advice, practical support and pastoral care to members, liaising with members, solicitors and various organisations both at home and internationally and attending case conferences, trials and hearings.

16.55 – 17.10 Closing questions and wrap up

17.10 – 18.00 Optional networking reception with speakers and Dento-legal Advisers from Dental Protection

Book a place

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