

Forthcoming Conferences and Events

Medico-Legal Issues in Oncology

22 March 2018, Slater & Gordon Solicitors, Manchester

This vital course will provide in-depth knowledge and understanding of Oncology in a medico-legal context relevant to your case load. The day will feature presentations from leading experts on breast surgery; medical treatment of breast tumours; abdominal tumours focusing on cancer of the colon; surgical treatment of urological tumours focusing on prostate cancer; and an orthopaedic perspective on oncology. Counsel will also examine causation issues arising in cancer claims.

Representing Families at Inquests: A Practical Guide

15 May 2018, Hardwicke Chambers, London

The important work conducted by AvMA's inquest service is the basis for this conference, which is designed to be a comprehensive guide to the practice and procedures when representing a family at an inquest.

Leading legal experts will take you through the preparation process, helping you to understand the complex issue of disclosure, management of expert evidence and Article 2. An update on case law, funding issues and post-inquest remedies will also be discussed. The event is aimed at intermediate to advanced level solicitors, junior barristers and healthcare professionals.

The conference will be immediately followed by a networking drinks reception, kindly hosted by Hardwicke Chambers.

AvMA Annual Golf Day

28 June 2018, Singing Hills Golf Course, West Sussex

The fourteenth AvMA Golf Day will take place on Thursday 28 June 2018 at a new course – the beautiful Singing Hills Golf Course in Albourne, West Sussex. The Welcome Event for the Annual Clinical Negligence Conference will take place later that evening at the Hilton Brighton Metropole (25 minutes' drive away), so the Golf Day offers the perfect start to the essential event for clinical negligence specialists.

The cost is only £98 + VAT per golfer, which includes breakfast rolls on arrival, 18 holes of golf and a buffet and prize-giving at the end of the day. All profits go directly to AvMA's charitable work.

30th Annual Clinical Negligence Conference

29-30 June 2018, Hilton Brighton Metropole

Join us in Brighton for the 30th ACNC! This is the annual event that brings the clinical negligence community together to learn and discuss the latest developments, policies and strategies in clinical negligence and medical law. Early bird booking closes on 26 March 2016.

AvMA Medico-legal webinars

Instant access to leading medico-legal webinars from just £49 + VAT per webinar!

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Over 40 key subjects from UK's leading authorities on medico-legal issues

Featuring some of the UK's leading authorities on medico-legal issues, AvMA's webinars bring you all the benefits of a specialist targeted seminar.

New titles are added at the beginning of each month.

Dentistry: dental legal issues
MR DAVID KRAMER, Dentist and expert witness - 5 March 2018
Cardiac Arrhythmias: the medico-legal issues
PROF. JAS GILL, Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust - 4 April 2018
Nerve Injury
MR TOM QUICK, Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital - 7 May 2018

When and where you need

The webinars can be watched at a time convenient to you, all without having to leave your office. You can watch the video as many times as you want, download the slides and extras materials to aid your learning.

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How AvMA can help

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Use of the AvMA brand

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Expert speakers

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Get in touch

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Proud to be sponsoring the AvMA Cerebral Palsy and Brain Injury Cases Conference, 2018.

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Clinical Negligence



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Chambers UK, Clinical Negligence (2017)

St John's Chambers' Clinical Negligence team provides expert advice and representation in cases at all levels of complexity and seriousness in the South West and nationally.

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- Neonatal claims
- Perinatal and acquired brain injury

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Chambers UK, Clinical Negligence (2017)

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Year of call: 1965



Matthew Phillips QC
Year of call: 1993



Ian Bullock
Year of call: 1975



Timothy Grice
Year of call: 1975



Richard Stead
Year of call: 1979



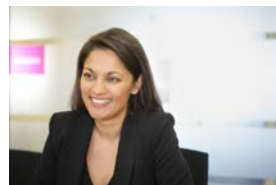
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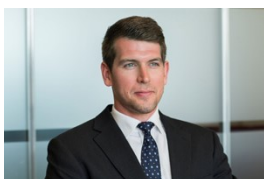
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Year of call: 2008



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Year of call: 2008



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We are very aware of how a person's injuries and disabilities can be life changing and everyday tasks can be challenging and, therefore, **the practice focuses on a person's abilities rather than the negative aspects of the disabilities.** By concentrating on the positive issues of what a disabled individual can do our expertise in adapting an existing property, or constructing a new purpose designed building, culminates in providing a safe and accessible home environment which encourages the maximum possible degree of independence and the associated benefits in an enhanced quality of life.

Our design team can assist with securing Planning Permission and Building Regulations Approval, preparation of Specifications of Works, obtaining competitive Tenders and producing Tender Evaluations, sourcing and appointing a Contractor, inspection of building works, preparation of interim Valuation Certificates, and payments to the contractor, assessing the final account and VAT assessment to calculate zero-rated disability related items.

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Our approach

Your client's needs dictate our services. Every client is unique and so is our advice; we take the time to listen, understand and then advise each client, helping them to resolve issues and making sure that the clients and their families feel supported and enabled at every step.

Court of Protection expertise

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- creation and administration of personal injury trusts
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