

The conference will include talks on the following topics

	Room	Topic	Speakers
DELEGATE REGISTRATION 1.00pm - 2.00pm			
Session 1: 2.00pm - 2.50pm	A	Discount Rate update Damages awards will rise very significantly with a discount rate of minus 0.75%. Paul and Catherine will look at heads of claim and issues which previously would likely have been compromised but may now prove fertile ground for fighting about given the numbers involved.	Paul Russell QC and Catherine Peck
	B	Inquests: a practical guide The talk will focus in overview on the practical steps that any potential party to civil litigation should take when faced with a coroner's investigation. There will be a review of recent case law. Topics will include: Pre-inquest review hearings (PIRs), juries, Article 2 and scope, disclosure and witnesses, causation, conclusions and (of course) costs.	Edward Ramsay
Session 2: 2.55pm - 3.45pm	A	International and package travel: an update On overview of the latest developments in relation to foreign accidents, including Jurisdiction, Proper Law, Package Travel, the New Package Directive, and Brexit.	Philip Mead and James Beeton
	B	Sexual abuse claims: a practical guide to assessing prospects of success Nina and Kate will provide practical guidance on how to assess prospects of success in the difficult area of sexual abuse claims.	Nina Ross and Kate Boakes
TEA & COFFEE BREAK 3.45pm - 4.15pm			
Session 3: 4.15pm - 5.05pm	A	Crossover claims The benefits, the pitfalls, when and how to go about them. Crossover claims which start against an insurer as a PI claim e.g. arising out of a road traffic accident, but where the insurer (and/or the Claimant if there are contributory negligence issues on the original action) seek to bring in a claim for subsequent negligent medical treatment.	Henry Charles and Alex Carington
	B	New whiplash reforms: what to expect In the Queen's Speech, the government indicated that reforms to PI whiplash claims - which would have been part of the shelved Prisons and Courts Bill - are to be resurrected as part of a new Civil Liability bill. The government's stated aim is to "tackle the rampant compensation culture and reduce the number and cost of whiplash claims" by, amongst other things, introducing a new fixed tariff for soft tissue injuries in RTA cases. We consider the shape that the reforms are likely to take, how they will impact on the legal and insurance industries, and practice tips for lawyers and claims handlers working in the field.	David Green
Session 4: 5.10pm - 6.00pm	A	Motor insurance indemnity and MIB update Stephen Worthington QC and Ben Leech will discuss the impact of recent legislation, the changes to the MIB agreements and other recent developments in motor insurance law.	Stephen Worthington QC and Ben Leech
	B	Industrial disease Harry Steinberg QC will discuss issues surrounding industrial disease and asbestos related diseases.	Harry Steinberg QC
DRINKS AND CANAPÉ RECEPTION 6pm - 8pm			