



THE ASSOCIATION OF PRISON LAWYERS
THE APL IS THE PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PRISON LAWYERS IN ENGLAND & WALES

APL Annual conference (Manchester)

Prison Law after 'Transforming Legal Aid'

2 October 2013

Friends Meeting House, 6 Mount Street, Manchester M2 5NS

CPD points 5.5 hours CPD reference FLA/PRIS 002

Programme (may be subject to minor change)

- 9.15 Registration and refreshments
- 9.45 **Welcome** by Andrew Sperling, Chair of APL followed by a brief summary of recent announcements about the future of legal aid
- 10.00 **Legal aid practice now and in the future? The LAA perspective**
- David Reddin, Special Cases Unit, Legal Aid Agency
- Stephen O'Connor Legal Aid Agency
- 10.45 **Question and Answer session with the LAA**
- 11.15 *Break*
- 11.30 **Legal aid practice now and in the future? The practitioner's perspective**
- Focussed questions for group discussion followed by feedback
- Led by Kristen Bender, prison law solicitor
- 12.00 **Surviving audits – Prison law CBAM guidance and good practice**
- Introduction to the CBAM guidance followed by a quiz
- Carl Buckley - APL executive committee
- 1.00 *Lunch*
- 1.45 **Making the best of legal aid**
- 1. Judicial review – recent announcements**
- A brief summary of proposed changes
- Diane Astin - public law solicitor
- 2. Prison law JRs – special arrangements**

Vijay Jagadesham – Barrister, Garden Court North

3. Making the best of civil legal aid

Murray Heining - Chairman of the Association of Costs Lawyers (30 mins)

4. Some recent cost decisions in judicial review /inter partes costs

Diane Astin

5. CFAs, what are they, how do they work, for what sort of cases can I use them?

Murray Heining

3.30 *Break*

3.45 **Running a prison law practice in the future – ideas for sustainability**

Panel discussion led by Andrew Sperling and Kristen Bender

4.15 **Why prison law matters**

Pete Weatherby QC, Garden Court North.

4.55 Evaluations and close