

ASSOCIATION OF PERSONAL INJURY LAWYERS

Standard of competence for Fellows

SUMMARY

A Fellow of the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers is an experienced legal practitioner:

- who has a high level of technical expertise in personal injury law, including trial procedures;
- who is recognised by his or her peers as being in a position of professional and intellectual leadership in the field of personal injury law; and
- who is competent in the management of a personal injury department.

Technical expertise

A Fellow meets all of the technical competences required for Senior Litigator status and, in all cases, has personal experience of trials on both liability and quantum.

Professional and intellectual leadership

A Fellow demonstrates a practical commitment to sharing knowledge, know-how and expertise, within the firm and in the profession more widely, so as to help build the overall competence and professionalism of the practice of personal injury law.

A Fellow is recognised as a leader in the field of personal injury law, through dealing personally with more difficult cases which raise new problems, being consulted for their expertise by their peers, and management of complex cases (which may include multi-party cases).

Managing a personal injury department

A Fellow is an effective manager of a personal injury practice within a firm, with demonstrated skills in the management of people and their work, of planning the work of the department, of managing the budget and of developing people.