



We would be delighted for you to join us for our upcoming seminar  
**Jackson Reforms “The Cotton Anniversary”**

**Thursday 14 May 2015**

**3 CPD Hours | 2.00 pm - 5pm (Registration 1:30 pm)**

SGH Martineau, No 1 Colmore Square, Birmingham B4 6AA

*Book before 10 April 2015 to take advantage of our  
Early bird offer of £25 + VAT (usually £50+ VAT per delegate)*

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS FROM**  
**District Judge Besford**

District Judge Besford is going to be talking about  
**“Costs Budgeting - A Personal Reflection”**

**Also Speaking will be:-**

**PJ KIRBY QC, HARDWICKE CHAMBERS**

**“If Indemnity costs are the answer what’s the question?”**

PJ considers the circumstances in which the costs judge may be persuaded to depart from the budget and in particular the importance of orders for costs on an indemnity basis.

**PAUL SHENTON, MANAGING DIRECTOR, JUST COSTS SOLICITORS**

**“Sleepwalking Into Disaster: Elvanite and the Consequences of Not Complying with Approved Budgets”**

- Courts will not depart from a costs budget on an assessment of costs without ‘good reason’
- The substantial majority of parties who have had costs budgets approved have not subsequently sought to vary any of their costs budgets
- This either means that those parties are progressing their cases knowingly and safely within budget OR are progressing their cases without actually knowing whether they are in budget or not
- More than 40% of all costs budget audits we have conducted have identified an overspend (of between 5% and over 100%) in at least one of the litigation phases
- Accordingly, parties must carry out regular costs budget audits to ensure they are working within budget and are not potentially working for free if they are not.

## OUR SPEAKERS

### KEYNOTE ADDRESS FROM DISTRICT JUDGE BESFORD

#### PETER KIRBY QC - HARDWICKE CHAMBERS



Peter Kirby QC or PJ as he prefers to be known, has a broad commercial practice which covers a wide range of disputes but in particular professional negligence and civil fraud. PJ was formerly a Partner with Holborn Solicitors. He sits in the London County Courts as a Deputy District Judge and is an appointed Bar Council Assessor on High Court costs appeals.

PJ is recognised in the directories as an expert in the field of costs and is often instructed on appeals in relation to problems over CFAs etc. He is also often instructed to draft bespoke CFAs or CCFAs for firms of solicitors. He has appeared before the Court of Appeal of the Cayman Islands in a case concerning the validity of CFAs and is currently involved in substantial costs litigation in Dubai. He is regularly instructed to advise one of the UK's largest third party funders. He will be appearing before the Court of Appeal in July in first case in 150 years to give guidance in relation to Solicitors Act assessments.

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#### PAUL SHENTON, JUST COSTS SOLICITORS



Paul founded Just Costs in 2006. He is dual qualified as a Barrister and a Solicitor, completing his pupillage at Hardwicke Building in London before moving to Eversheds in 1992, where he was a partner for 9 years. Whilst at Eversheds, Paul established and developed their national costs team to a turnover of approximately £2 million per annum.

In addition to being the Managing Director, Paul also heads up the successful Advocacy Team and has been involved in a number of high profile cases.

**For further information or to book your place, please email Lynn Edwards at [led@justcosts.com](mailto:led@justcosts.com) or telephone: 0161 359 4650**

**This event provides 3SRA CPD hours. Our Provider Reference: DIU/JUCO**

**Notes, stationery & refreshments are all included.**

**Drinks will be served following the Seminar where the experts will be on hand to answer any questions or queries that you may have.**

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### BOOKING FORM

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Where did you hear about this event? \_\_\_\_\_

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