Medico-legal conference
Friday 8 March 2019
BMA House, London

Programme

9.30 – 10am  Registration and refreshments

10 – 10.10am  Welcome and introduction
Dr Jan Wise, BMA medico-legal committee chair

10.10 – 11am  Changes to the Bolam test and expert witnesses
Dr Simon Fox QC, medically qualified negligence barrister, No5 Barristers Chambers

11 – 11.30am  Key cases and legislation for experts in civil, criminal and family courts
Oliver Quick, University of Bristol reader in law

11.30am – 12noon  Gross negligence manslaughter
Professor Sir Norman Williams, National Clinical Improvement Programme chair

12 – 1pm  Duties and liabilities of an expert witness
Mr Michael Horne QC, barrister, Serjeants’ Inn Chambers

1 – 2pm  LUNCH

2 – 3pm  Sharing good and bad practice of medico-legal report writing
Kate Hill, InPractice Training

3 – 3.30pm  Courtroom skills: dos and don’ts
Augustus Ullstein QC, 39 Essex Chambers

3.30 – 4.30pm  Bias in expert witness practice
Professor Nigel Eastman, St George’s University of London emeritus professor in law and ethics in psychiatry

4.30 – 4.45pm  Update on the work of the BMA’s medico-legal committee and closing remarks
Dr Jan Wise