

The background of the slide is a light gray gradient. It is decorated with several realistic water droplets of various sizes and shapes, scattered across the top and right sides. The droplets have highlights and shadows, giving them a three-dimensional appearance.

FIXED COSTS – ANOTHER BLOODY NIGHTMARE

PAUL NICHOLLS, NICHOLLS BRIMBLE

IF IT AIN'T BROKE DON'T FIX IT



THE FIXED COSTS PROPOSALS (FIRST ATTEMPT)

- FIX EVERYTHING UP TO £250,000
- EVERYTHING?
- SIMPLE DEBT COLLECTION £249,999 – SAY TWO INVOICES V CONTESTED P.I ACTION 30,000 – SAY THREE DEFENDANTS, ISSUES ON CAUSATION, FUNDAMENTAL DISHONESTY, LIABILITY & QUANTUM

THE CONCEPT OF KEEPING IT SIMPLE

A square chalkboard with a dark surface and a wooden frame. The equation $1+1=2$ is written in white chalk. The numbers and symbols are simple and clear, illustrating the concept of simplicity.
$$1+1=2$$

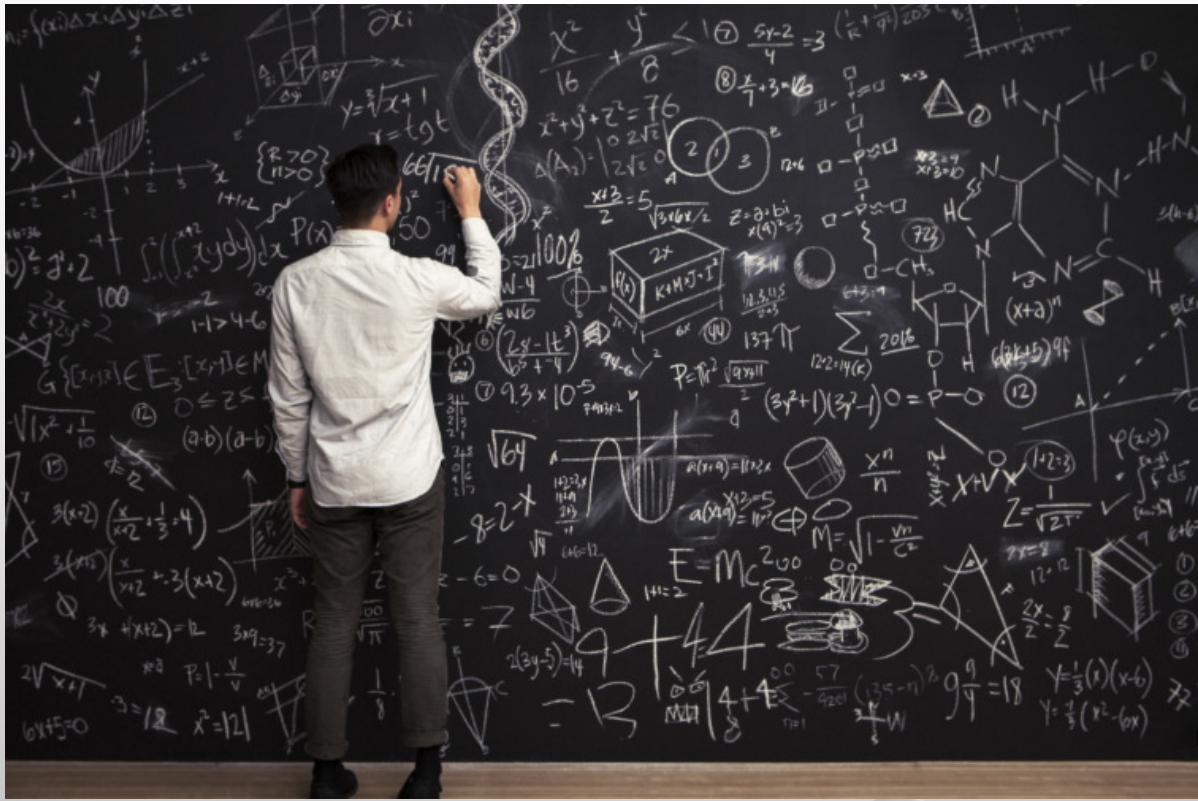
FIXED COSTS PROPOSALS - CURRENTLY

- RETAIN FAST TRACK LIMIT - £25,000
- PRE ACTION REQUIREMENT TO AGREE COMPLEXITY BAND – THIS IS CASE NOT TYPE SPECIFIC
- COSTS ARE FIXED – NOT CAPPED – TABLE FOR NIHL CASES. REVIEW OF COSTS EVERY 3 YEARS
- INTRODUCE A NEW GRID – SAME STAGES AS F.T PI IN CPR 45.29
- 4 BANDS OF COMPLEXITY
- BAND 4 MOST COMPLEX – RING FENCED FEES
- NO EXTENSION TO THE PORTAL

CURRENT PROPOSALS CONTINUED

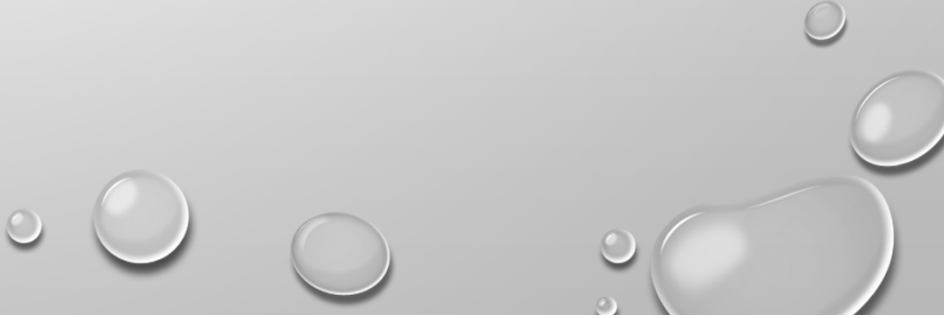
- JUDGE WILL DECIDE BOTH TRACK AND BAND AT ALLOCATION. PENALTY OF £150 IF YOU CHALLENGE UNSUCCESSFULLY
- CLIN NEG CASES NOT COVERED **UNLESS** SUB £25K AND BREACH & CAUSATION ADMITTED PRE-ACCIDENT
- INTERMEDIATE TRACK – VALUED AT £25K - £100K (NO MORE THAN 2 EXPERTS PER SIDE AND TRIAL OF 3 DAYS OR LESS)
- PART 36 SANCTIONS - D WILL PAY A 30-40% UPLIFT ON FIXED COSTS IF PART 6 OFFER IS NOT BEATEN

THE REALITY





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- WILL PROVIDE CERTAINTY OF FEES
 - ALMOST CERTAINLY WILL NEED TO STREAMLINE CASES TO RETAIN PROFITABILITY
 - EASIER ADVICE TO CLIENTS REGARDING COSTS
 - AVOID DETAILED ASSESSMENTS
 - AVOID BUDGETING
 - PREPARE FOR A FIGHT ON COMPLEXITY BANDS
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TABLES

- COSTS TABLES CAN BE FOUND ONLINE
 - ESSENTIAL READING FOR INSOMNIACS
 - DON'T THINK IT STOPS HERE....
 - ALMOST CERTAINLY SATELLITE LITIGATION, CHALLENGES GALORE TO COME
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