



**THE EXPERT WITNESS IN CLAIMS OF DENTAL NEGLIGENCE.....WHAT IS REQUIRED**

- > A brief summary of the dental problem
- > If there is an associated medical problem or unrelated injuries provide a general summary. If in doubt let the expert decide relevance.
- > Current legal proceedings and deadlines

**AND WITH THE LETTER REQUESTING EXPERT'S ASSISTANCE**

- > Statement from the Plaintiff
- > Dental records card from the Defendant.  
If copies they should be photocopied front and back. Records include all X-rays.
- > Dental record cards of any subsequent remedial treatment done either by another practitioner, specialist, hospital or dental school and associated X-rays.
- > All referral letters, their acknowledgements and subsequent reports. Family doctors record cards if relevant.
- > Any study models, dental laboratory worksheets, failed removable prosthetic work or photographs if relevant.
- > If NHS contract papers relating to any complaint made to the local Family Health Services Authority, the Regional Dental Officer's report and any findings of a breach of NHS Terms of Service.