

FIRE SUMMER SCHOOL 2023:

KEY INSIGHTS FROM OUR EXPERT SPEAKERS

As one of this year's Chairs, why would you recommend people to attend the FIRE Summer School?

"The summer school is the perfect platform for newly qualified lawyers to build their networks and form peer connections in a fun learning environment".

Caroline Greenwell, Chair, Charles Russell Speechlys

How important is it for the next generation of practitioners to build their network, what are the key steps?

"Hugely but remote working and technology has meant it may be harder to build those networks and rapport. There are however ways you can make sure you are still having value creating conversations. You can build rapport on Zoom but you need to do it differently to face to face conversations. New skills need to be learnt when we meet over Zoom. For example, we don't pick up traditional cues, we laugh less, we overtalk and the conversation becomes more transactional and task orientated. Maybe, for example: at the outset take time to check in with others; be a good facilitator inviting people to "take the microphone" and ensure it is shared by all participants and none forgotten; have a 5 sec pause after you finish speaking to allow others to unmute and speak; and finally, look into the camera so you show you are an active listener. Also, do you over use asynchronized communications e.g. emails? May be sometimes picking up the phone spontaneously works better".

Jane Colston, Brown Rudnick

Can you give us a flavour of what your session will discuss at the FIRE Summer School, talking about the lifecycle of an insolvency?

"My section of the session on the life cycle of an insolvency will concentrate on how companies enter into the different insolvency processes in Guernsey and how these differ from the processes available in the UK."

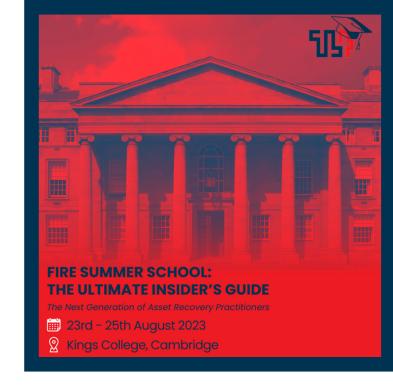
Alex Horsburgh-Porter, Ogier

What do you feel the benefit is for our delegates to learn about the importance of investigators, and can you give a flavour to what your session will discuss?

"Pretty much everything your partners know about investigators could be wrong. I am to give a whistlestop tour of the role played by today's professional investigators in asset tracing cases. Learn how to choose an investigator and how to get the most out of them".

Steven Haynes, Greyhawk





What should delegates most look forward to if attending this year's FIRE Summer School?

"The FIRE Summer School provides a great opportunity for junior members of the community to experience that real conference feel amongst peers and more senior members. They will hear from industry experts and have to opportunity to network and build lifelong business relationships".

Sam Ouriach, Chair, Grant Thornton

Meet our Speakers



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