



**FUTURE THOUGHT LEADERS**

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# Essay Competition



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# OUR STORY

We at ThoughtLeaders4 are serious about providing opportunities to up-and-coming practitioners specialising in Asset Recovery, Fraud, Insolvency and Enforcement. We strongly believe that the next generation of practitioners should be writing, speaking and attending events in order to build networks and further their careers.

With this in mind, we are proud to present our Future Thought Leaders Essay Competition. Assessed by an illustriously experienced, senior and broad-ranging panel of practitioners this is your chance to stick your head above the parapet and mark yourself as the one-to-watch. With the opportunity to attend and present your essay at our Global FIRE Starters Summit: Dublin as well as attend our FIRE International: Vilamoura event in Portugal, we look forward to your submissions and to welcoming you to the FIRE Starters community.

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## THE BRIEF

### The crossover between fraud and insolvency in my jurisdiction.

We are delighted to invite submissions for papers that discuss the part insolvency processes play in tackling fraud claims in your jurisdiction. We encourage applicants to discuss new legislative changes, how their own toolkit for dealing with fraud claims may have changed, and responded to contemporary global challenges, and cite specific examples and case law.

For example, applicants may, if they are from the UK...look at cross-border insolvency in the current post-Brexit landscape,

discussing the impact of the Insolvency Rules 2016, as well as the swift legislative action we have seen with the Corporate Insolvency and Governance Act (CIGA 2020). Any updates to bankruptcy, the receivership process and liquidation processes, etc... and maybe even some crystal-ball gazing is also welcome...

This is a short paper, and we invite you to be creative, opinionated, and tease out the crossovers between fraud, insolvency, asset recovery and economic change.

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# PRIZES

## AMAZING OPORTUNITIES FOR THE RISING STARS



### WINNER

- Winner of the competition will have the opportunity to present their essay at FIRE Starters Global Summit taking place in Dublin, 23<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> February 2022, we plan to allow them 15/20 minutes to present/discuss.
- Winner of the competition will win a free ticket to FIRE International: Vilamoura taking place in Portugal 18<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> May 2022.



### TOP 3

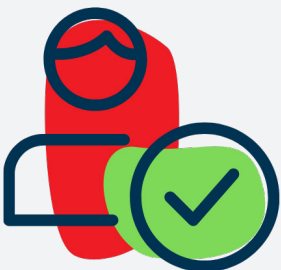
- Top 3 entrants as chosen by the judging panel will win free tickets to attend FIRE Starters Global Summit 2022: Dublin.
- The first runner-up will also win a free ticket to FIRE International: Vilamoura taking place in Portugal 18<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> May 2022.



### ALL ENTRANTS

- All entrants will have their essays published in the FIRE Magazine. This will be published digitally prior to FIRE Starters Global Summit 2022, along with a print run at the event.

## ENTRANTS ELIGIBILITY



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Must be a FIRE Starter (2-15 years qualified)

# JUDGING PANEL



**KEVIN HELLARD**  
PARTNER,  
INSOLVENCY PRACTICE LEADER  
**GRANT THORNTON**

Kevin is the practice leader of Grant Thornton's insolvency practice. He has more than 25 years' experience of contentious insolvency investigating fraud, misfeasance, professional negligence and asset tracing across multiple jurisdictions.



**FIONA SIMPSON**  
PARTNER  
**KINGSLEY NAPLEY**

Fiona specialises in civil fraud litigation, advising clients bringing or defending civil fraud proceedings, often involving injunctions and often with an international dimension.



**MARCIA SHEKERDEMIAN QC**  
BARRISTER  
**WILBERFORCE CHAMBERS**

Marcia is a leading practitioner in all aspects of contentious and non-contentious insolvency, company and partnership law as well as commercial litigation.



**DANNY QUAH**  
DIRECTOR  
**TSMF LAW CORPORATION**

Danny is frequently appointed to act in commercial litigation requiring urgent injunctions and as debtor's counsel in dire insolvency situations. He also maintains a specialist tax disputes practice.



**YAN KALISH**  
COUNSEL  
**RYBALKIN, GORTSUNYAN  
& PARTNERS**

Yan represents clients before arbitral tribunals acting under the rules of various institutions, including ICC, SCC, LCIA, SIAC, VIAC, etc. and in litigations in and outside Russia. He also sits as arbitrator and co-chair's ThoughtLeaders4 FIRE CEE-CIS committee.



**MARK EMERY**  
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR,  
HEAD OF INSOLVENCY  
& RESTRUCTURING  
**DQ ADVOCATES**

Mark heads DQ's Insolvency & Restructuring team and practices a wide range of commercial litigation. He is a member of the "NextGen" Channel Islands & Isle of Man Committee for FIRE.



**DR JENNIFER WHITE**  
ASSISTANT MANAGER  
**GRANT THORNTON**

Jennifer has a doctorate in the field of diversity, inclusion and the gender pay gap, and a GDL. She has experience as a judicial clerk at the DIFC Courts, drafting judgments for numerous high-profile and high-value commercial disputes.

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# FORMAT GUIDELINES

**LENGTH:** 1800 words (+/- 10% allowance);

**FONT FORMAT:** Times New Roman/Arial, 12-point;

**SPACING:** 1.5 line spacing;

**ALIGNMENT:** Lined up evenly at the left margin;

**DOCUMENT FORMAT:** Must be a PDF/Word.

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# TIMELINE



**7<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

Submission deadline



**31<sup>st</sup> January 2022**

Top 3 essays & winner are announced



**23<sup>rd</sup> February 2022**

Winner presents the essay at FIRE Starters in Dublin

# MARKING CRITERIA



## Argument:

- 1) Originality of thought and a clear position in relation to the question;
- 2) Provision of compelling and thorough examples to support each main point in the argument;
- 3) Persuasive argument which could be tailored / cut down and presented at the summit.



## Flow:

- 4) Coherence and cohesion throughout the essay;
- 5) Develops ideas cogently, organises them logically, and connects them with clear transitions.



## Style:

- 6) Demonstrates a superior grasp on the conventions of academic / standard written English, (i.e. grammar usage and mechanics) though may have some minor errors;
- 7) Uses elegant vocabulary yet is clear, concise and accessible to the interdisciplinary audience;
- 8) Syntax is sophisticated and varied.

# HOW TO SUBMIT

## IN 3 EASY STEPS

- 1 Go to our [website](#);
- 2 Fill in the form with your details;
- 3 Attach your essay and submit.



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**DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?**

ANY SUBMISSION ISSUES?

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