



FUTURE THOUGHT LEADERS

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Essay Competition



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OUR STORY

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 at and attending events in order to build their network and further their careers. With this in mind, we are proud to present the **2nd Edition** of 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 speak at the FIRE Starters Global Summit: Dublin** as well as **attend the 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

This year, we focus entrants' minds onto some serious crystal-ball gazing.

Imagine it is the year 2033. What types of cases will the FIRE practitioner of the future be working on?

Applicants could address issues including, but not limited to:

- **Climate Change Fraud**
- **AI Technology and its use in Asset Tracing**
- **Crypto and Global Tracing Enforcement**

This is not an exhaustive list. We invite you to be creative, opinionated, and tease out the crossovers between fraud, insolvency, asset recovery and economic change. We want your view on where you think the industry is headed; what will the bulk of your work be in 2033, if you had to guess?

We encourage applicants to discuss the way their work is changing, any legislative changes in the field, how their own toolkit for dealing with fraud claims is changing, and how practitioners of the future may respond to new global challenges.

Do cite specific examples and case law, and of course, follow the conventions of academic writing, but feel free to express your creative opinion in your submission.

PRIZES

AMAZING OPORTUNITIES FOR THE RISING STARS



WINNER

- Winner of the competition will have the opportunity to speak at FIRE Starters Global Summit taking place in Dublin, 22nd – 24th February 2023.
- Winner of the competition will win a free ticket to FIRE International: Vilamoura taking place in Portugal 17th - 19th May 2023.



TOP 3

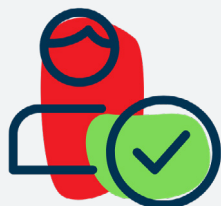
- Top 3 entrants as chosen by the judging panel will win free tickets to attend FIRE Starters Global Summit 2023: Dublin.
- The first runner-up will also win a free ticket to FIRE International: Vilamoura taking place in Portugal 17th - 19th May 2023.



ALL ENTRANTS

- All entrants will have their essays published in the 'The Future Thought Leaders Essay Competition' Supplement. This will be circulated digitally prior to FIRE Starters Global Summit 2023, along with a print run at the event.

ENTRANTS ELIGIBILITY



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.



JAMES POPPERWELL
PARTNER
MACFARLANES

James is head of Macfarlanes fraud practice. He specialises in asset tracing and enforcement and the management of complex, international disputes in state courts and arbitration. As well as running disputes at all levels of the English courts, James has significant experience in managing parallel proceedings in different jurisdictions.



NATHALIE KER
PARTNER
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Nathalie is a partner at LCWP and is a commercial litigator. Her work focuses on commercial and corporate disputes, restructuring and insolvency, and fraud and asset recovery.



MOHAMMED AL DAHBASHI
MANAGING PARTNER
ADG LEGAL

Mohammed is a leading Emirati lawyer, whose practice spans both contentious and non-contentious matters. He has broad commercial/corporate law experience including restructuring, complex contract negotiations, JVs and corporate governance.



NICOLA BOULTON
PARTNER
PCB BYRNE

Nicola is a highly experienced commercial litigator who brings her pragmatic and tenacious approach to bear for high-net-worth individuals, legal and financial services professionals, corporates and hedge funds.



JANE COLSTON
PARTNER
BROWN RUDNICK

Jane's practice focuses on complex and high-value commercial banking, contract and tort disputes as well as company, shareholders and partnership disputes. Jane has acted in numerous complex fraud cases and has extensive experience of forensic investigations.



KEITH HAN
PARTNER
OON & BAZUL

Keith is the Co-Head of Oon & Bazul's Restructuring and Insolvency Practice. He specialises in complex commercial dispute resolution and restructuring and insolvency.



DAVID FAIRCLOUGH
DIRECTOR
GRANT THORNTON

David is a Director in the Insolvency and asset recovery team at Grant Thornton UK LLP with 20+ years' experience investigating fraud and cross border recovery cases in the UK and Cayman Islands, most notably the group of MTIC fraud cases and claims referred to as Bilta (UK) Ltd.

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 Word Document.

TIMELINE



25th November 2022

Submission deadline



6th February 2023

Top 3 essays & winner are announced



24th February 2023

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

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Go to our [website](#);

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Fill in the form with your details;

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Attach your essay as a Word Document and submit it.



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DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?

ANY SUBMISSION ISSUES?

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