

FIRE International: Vilamoura

The flagship International Asset Recovery event in the fraud & insolvency practitioner's calendar

19 – 22 May 2025 | Anantara Hotel, Vilamoura, Portugal

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Monday 19 May 2025

18:30 Evening International Speaker Dinner

Tuesday 20 May 2025

10:00	<p><i>Pre-event Networking Activities</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5k Run Club – hosted by Amann Partners • Intro to Golf Lesson • FIRE Padel Tennis Tournament • Walking Tour of Albufeira
12:00	<i>Registration & Badge Pick - Up</i>
12:30	<i>Portuguese Welcome Lunch – hosted by Rajah & Tann</i>
14:00	Advisory Board Welcome Remarks
14:10	<p>Keynote Session – Leading by Example</p> <p>Sir Andrew Strauss, former Captain of the England Cricket Team</p>
14:50	<p>Complexities Of Enforcing in Multi-Jurisdictions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A global world – cross border issue with asset recovery • Regulatory and legislative update for FIRE • Practical challenges to coordinate enforcement • Ensuring communication across teams <p>Sushmita Gandhi, Partner, IndusLaw (India)</p> <p>Bakhyt Tukulov, Partner, Tukulov Kassilgov Shaikenov (Kazakhstan)</p> <p>Andreas Pollak, Partner, Petsche Pollak (Austria)</p>
15:30	<i>Networking & Refreshment Break</i>
15:50	<p>Ensuring Effective Enforcement of Freezing Injunctions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enforcing in other and foreign jurisdictions • When to challenge a freezing injunction • Risks of dissipation of an asset

	<p>Dr. Alexander Amann, Managing Partner and Attorney at Law, AMP Amann Partners Attorneys at Law (Liechtenstein)</p> <p>Maureen Ward, Partner, Bennett Jones (Canada)</p> <p>Edward Palmer, Director, Greyhawk</p>
16:30	<p>Amidst The Sanctions Era</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sanctions aren't going anywhere – ensuring prevention of issues arising with sanctions • How sanctions can interfere with efforts to enforce judgements • Delving into sanctions regime and how that impacts your asset recovery <p>Olexander Martinenko, Partner, Kinstellar (Ukraine)</p> <p>Emile Simpson, Barrister, 4 New Square</p>
17:10	Chairpersons' Summary and Close of Day 1
17:15	<i>Welcome Drinks Reception – hosted by MBK</i>
19:30	<p><i>Welcome to Portugal Dinners (with Conference Partners)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conference Partner Dinners • Women in FIRE Dinner • Portuguese Culinary Lesson • Gin Cocktail Making Class • Mixologist Masterclass • Portuguese Wine Tasting • Sip and Paint

Wednesday 21 May 2025

09:00	<i>Networking and Morning Refreshments</i>
09:30	<i>Welcome Back Advisory Board Opening Remarks</i>
09:40	<p>Insights to Court Litigation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How the English Courts are approaching fraud • How receptive are judges on asset recovery and fraud litigation • UAE – how to use the local and DIFC courts to obtain and get the best result for asset recovery • Understanding the different processes and mechanisms of different courts <p>Muhammad Dele Belgo, Partner, Sofunde Osakwe Ogundipe & Belgore (Nigeria)</p> <p>Adrian Wong, Partner, Head of Dispute Resolution, Rajah & Tann (Singapore)</p> <p>Paulo Nasser, Partner, M Nasser Dispute Resolution (Brazil)</p> <p>Tim Chelmick, Barrister, 4 New Square</p>
10:20	<p>Unpacking The Developments of Tracing in The Digital Assets World</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recovering crypto offshore

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working on non-traditional asset tracing • Navigating the anonymity of blockchain tracing <p>Jansen Chow, Co-Head, Fraud Asset Recovery & Investigation, Rajah & Tann (Singapore)</p>
11:00	<i>Networking & Refreshment Break</i>
11:30	<p>Obtaining Evidence from Abroad in Heavyweight Commercial Disputes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevant treaties, legislation and procedural rules • Procedure for Letter of Request under the Hague Convention • Exploring Part 23 Civil Procedure Rules • Challenges to the Letters of Request • Litigation following the challenges <p>Aziz Rahman, Senior Partner, Rahman Ravelli (UK) Yves Klein, Partner, Monfrini Bitton Klein (Switzerland) Taher Abdeen, Partner, Hadeef & Partners (UAE)</p>
12:10	<p>Case Study: 1Malaysia Development Berhad Scandal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • War stories in court – high profile cross examination • Can this be prevented? • Impacts on policies and legislations • Looking at the offshore side <p>Will Sen Kwan, Partner, Lim Chee Wee Partnership (Malaysia) Lezgin Polater, Partner, Archipel (Switzerland)</p>
12:50	Chairpersons' Summary and Close of Day 2
12:55	<i>Networking Lunch at the Hotel – hosted by Maitland Chambers</i>
14:00	<p><i>Meet for Afternoon Networking Activities</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marine Safari Boat Trip • Wine Tasting at Vineyard & Sculpture Garden • FIRE Mini Golf Tournament • FIRE Volleyball Tournament • Intro to Golf Lesson
18:00	<i>Sunset Drinks Reception – hosted by Greyhawk</i>
19:30	<i>Poolside Gala Dinner – hosted by 4 New Square</i>
21:30	<i>Evening Drinks at the Hotel Bar – hosted by Rahman Ravelli</i>

09:00	<i>Networking and Morning Refreshments</i>	
09:30	Build You Own Agenda: Streams and Workshops – hosted by TwentyEssex	
09:40	<p>Proof, Evidence, and Information Gathering</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How to prove fraud• Effectively using your investigative powers across borders• What data and information can be obtained• Using appropriate software to help your investigations <p>Iris Pfander, Lawyer, Baldi & Caratsch (Switzerland)</p> <p>Aboubacar Fall, Partner, AF Legal Law Firm (Senegal)</p>	<p>Insolvencies with Crypto Exchanges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Choosing where the main insolvency proceedings will be• What liquidators decide to do with the valuation of digital assets• A need for expert opinions and separate valuation committees for digital and crypto assets• Lessons learned from crypto insolvency and the precedence set <p>Douglas Curran, Shareholder, Anderson Kil (USA)</p> <p>Morgan Patterson, Partner, Womble Bond Dickinson (USA)</p>
10:20	<p>The Inevitable Growth of DAOs (Decentralised Autonomous Organisations)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Financial risks involved with DAOs• Managing the various assets in DAOs• How trust and transparency can impact the vulnerabilities of security• Do existing laws translate well with DAOs? <p>Howard Fischer, Partner, Moses Singer (USA)</p>	<p>Insolvency Tools to Support Cross-Border Asset Recovery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Impacts of a challenging insolvency regimes• Judicial management in Malaysia• Exploring new insolvency tools in Canada• Ability to give release to shareholders• How can we ethically forum shop <p>Claudia Cheah, Partner, Skrine Advocates & Solicitors (Malaysia)</p> <p>Karen Fellowes, Senior Counsel, Stikeman Elliot (Canada)</p> <p>Marlyn Narkis Assis, Partner, MDU Legal (Panama)</p> <p>Ericka Johnson, Director, Bayard Law (USA)</p>
11:00	<i>Networking & Refreshment Break</i>	
11:30	<p>The Intersection Between Arbitration and Insolvency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Examining arbitration proceedings with insolvent companies• Using arbitration in the ‘pre-insolvency’ stage• How arbitration centres have developed insolvency-specific rules? <p>Geraldo Fonseca, Partner, FVA Advogados (Brazil)</p>	<p>The Growth of Mediation – Confidential and Flexible</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Implementing the use of mediation in your asset recovery process• Why you should use mediation – advantages to help with recovering assets• Using mediation to allow time to find solutions, whilst ensuring assets are not being touched

	<p>Stéphanie Oyeneser, Counsel, Walder Wyss AG (Switzerland)</p> <p>Mercy Okiro, Advocate, Arbitrator and Law Lecturer (Kenya)</p>	
12:10	Advisory Board Thank You	
12:15	<i>End of Conference & Goodbye Brunch by the Beach</i>	
14:30	<p><i>Meet For Afternoon Networking Activity</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The FIRE Boat Party – <i>Co-hosted by Ogier and XXIV Old Buildings</i> • Wine Tasting at Vineyard & Sculpture Garden • FIRE Mini Golf Tournament 	
19:30	<i>Conference Partner Dinners</i>	
21:30	<i>The Big Closing Drinks by the Marina</i>	