

FIRE International: Vilamoura

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

20 – 22 May 2025 | Anantara Hotel, Vilamoura, Portugal

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Monday 19 May 2025

18:00 Evening International Speaker Dinner *by invitation only*

Hosted by Enyo Law

18:30 Conference Partner Dinners

Co-hosted by Maitland Chambers *by invitation only*

Tuesday 20 May 2025

10:00	<p><i>Morning 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
12:00	<p><i>Registration & Badge Pick - Up</i></p>
12:30	<p><i>Portuguese Welcome Lunch – Co-hosted by Rajah & Tann, Sequor Law</i></p>
14:00	<p>Advisory Board Welcome Remarks</p>
14:10	<p>Keynote Session – Leading by Example</p> <p>Sir Andrew Strauss, former Captain of the England Cricket Team</p> <p>Rick Brown, Partner, HFW (chair)</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 (Kahzakstan)</p> <p>Andreas Pollak, Partner, Petsche Pollak (Austria)</p> <p>Gary Miller, Partner, Mishcon De Reya / Chair, International Fraud Group</p> <p>Leyza Florin, Shareholder, Sequor Law (USA) (moderator)</p>
15:30	<p><i>Networking & Refreshment Break</i></p>
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, Partner, Mintz Group</p> <p>Richard Morgan KC, Barrister, Maitland Chambers</p> <p>Catherine Eason, Partner, PCB Byrne (UK)</p> <p>Rick Brown, Partner, HFW (moderator)</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> <p>Meruyet Zhunubayeva, Managing Partner, Astrea KZ (Kazakhstan)</p> <p>Timothy O'Toole, Member, Practice Lead, Economic Sanctions & Export Controls, Miller & Chevalier (USA)</p> <p>Leyza Florin, Shareholder, Sequor Law (USA) (moderator)</p>
17:10	Chairpersons' Summary and Close of Day 1
17:15	<i>Welcome Drinks Reception – Co-hosted by Essex Court Chambers, MBK</i>
19:30	<p><i>Welcome to Portugal Dinners (with Conference Partners)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conference Partner Dinners – Hosted by Essex Court Chambers • Women in FIRE Dinner • Portuguese Culinary Lesson • Portuguese Wine Tasting

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>Adrian Wong, Partner, Head of Dispute Resolution, Rajah & Tann (Singapore)</p> <p>Tim Chelmick, Barrister, 4 New Square</p> <p>Pooja Mahajan, Managing Partner, Chandhiok & Mahajan, Advocates & Solicitors (India)</p> <p>Konstantin Mikov, Founder and Managing Partner, Mikov & Attorneys (Bulgaria)</p> <p>Bartłomiej Jankowski, Advocate, Managing Partner, B2RLaw (Poland)</p> <p>Caroline Greenwell, Partner, Charles Russell Speechlys (moderator)</p>
10:20	<p>Unpacking The Developments of Tracing in The Digital Assets World</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recovering crypto offshore • 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> <p>Gabriella McNicholas, Barrister, Maitland Chambers</p> <p>Ardavan Amir-Aslani, Partner, Cohen Amir-Aslani (France)</p> <p>Fernanda Restrepo Diaz, Associate Managing Director, Kroll</p> <p>Caroline Greenwell, Partner, Charles Russell Speechlys (moderator)</p>
11:00	<p><i>Networking & Refreshment Break</i></p>
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>Taher Abdeen, Partner, Hadeef & Partners (UAE)</p> <p>Yves Klein, Partner, Monfrini Bitton Klein (Switzerland)</p> <p>Abraham Vergis, Managing Director, Providence Law (Singapore)</p> <p>Hendrik G. Milne, Attorney, Aballí Milne Kalil (USA)</p> <p>Aziz Rahman, Senior Partner, Rahman Ravelli (UK) (moderator)</p> <p>Sheila Ng, Partner, Rajah & Tann (chair)</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>Raphael Kok, Partner, Lim Chee Wee Partnership (Malaysia)</p> <p>Lezgin Polater, Partner, Archipel (Switzerland)</p> <p>Sheila Ng, Partner, Rajah & Tann (moderator)</p>

12:50	Chairpersons' Summary and Close of Day 2
12:55	<i>Networking Lunch at the Hotel – Co-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 – Hosted by 39 Essex Chambers • Women in FIRE - Intro to Golf Lesson Hosted by PCB • Walking Tour of Albufeira
18:00	<i>Sunset Drinks Reception – Co-hosted by Mintz Group</i>
19:30	<i>Unmissable Poolside Gala Dinner – Co-hosted by 4 New Square</i>
21:30	<i>Cocktails & Connections at the Hotel Bar – Co-hosted by Rahman Ravelli and Payne Hicks Beach</i>

Thursday 22 May 2024

09:00	<i>Networking and Morning Refreshments</i>	
09:30	Build You Own Agenda: Streams and Workshops	
09:40	<p>Transatlantic debate: exploring the nuances of enforcement</p> <p>Lucas Moore, Partner, Payne Hicks Beach</p> <p>Felipe Vieira, Partner, Loria E Kalansky</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> <p>Rebecca Hume, Partner, Howard Kennedy (moderator)</p>
10:20	<p>Spanners in the Works: arbitration agreements in fraud claims</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding how arbitration agreements can be a complicating factor in fraud claims • Arbitrability of issues of fraud: lessons learnt from Mozambique v Prinvest Shipbuilding SAL (Holding) [2023] UKSC 32 	<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>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Severability of an arbitration agreement • Exploring fragmentation and parallel proceedings • Insights to court support during arbitration <p>Sarah Tresman, Barrister, Twenty Essex</p> <p>Huw Jenkin, Partner, Travers Smith</p> <p>Elaina Bailes, Partner, Stewarts</p> <p>Andrew Fulton KC, Barrister, Twenty Essex (moderator)</p> <p>Felipe Vieira, Partner, Loria E Kalansky (chair)</p>	<p>Eliseo Martinez, Managing Partner, IUS & Aequitas Trial Lawyers (Spain)</p> <p>Peter Hayden, Partner, Mourant (Cayman)</p> <p>Natalie Todd, Partner, Cooke, Young & Keidan</p> <p>Rebecca Hume, Partner, Howard Kennedy (moderator)</p>
11:00	<i>Networking & Refreshment Break</i>	
11:30	<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> <p>James Popperwell, Partner, Macfarlanes (moderator)</p>	<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>Stéphanie Oyeneser, Counsel, Walder Wyss AG (Switzerland)</p> <p>Mercy Okiro, Advocate, Arbitrator and Law Lecturer (Kenya)</p> <p>David Peters KC, Barrister, Essex Court Chambers</p> <p>David Chalcraft, Legal Director, HFW (UK)</p> <p>Mohammed Al Dahbashi, Managing Partner, ADG Legal (moderator)</p>
12:10	Advisory Board Thank You	
12:15	<i>Farewell Lunch by the Beach</i>	
14:30	<i>Meet For Afternoon Networking Activity</i> The FIRE Boat Party - Co-hosted by Ogier, XXIV Old Buildings	
19:30	<i>Conference Partner Dinners</i> Hosted by ACROSS Fraud	
21:30	<i>The Final Pour by the Marina</i> Hosted by Menzies, Women in FIRE	