

# Insolvency Conference & Dinner 2025

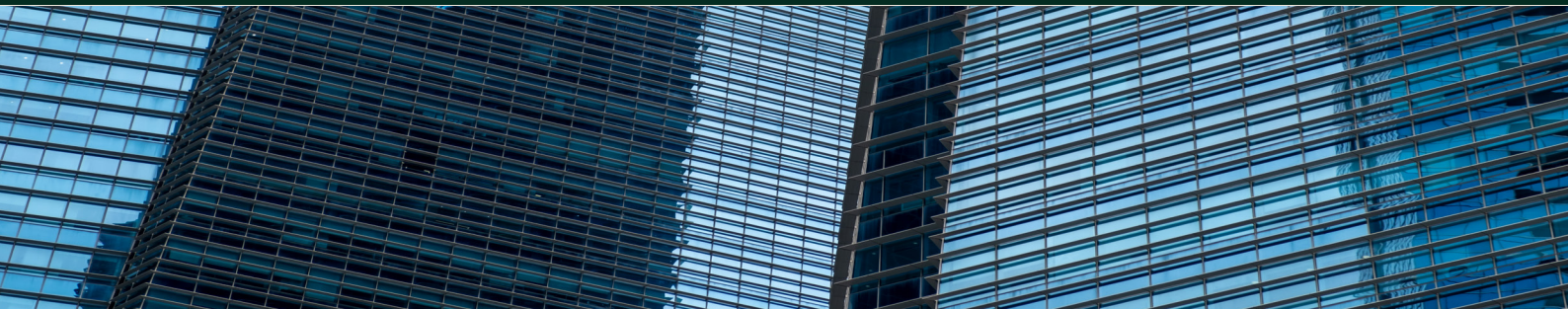
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## Challenging decision-makers

3.5 CPD

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2025

InterContinental London Park Lane, One Hamilton Place, London W1J 7QY



### Programme

1pm **Registration and lunch**

1.45pm **Opening remarks from Marcia Shekerdemian KC and Daniel Lewis**

1.50pm **Money, money, money: challenging officeholders' remuneration**  
**Jessica Brooke and Ram Lakshman**

- Who can bring a challenge?
- Tips and tactics for a successful challenge
- Getting the timing right
- Excessive remuneration: other routes of attack

2.15pm **Challenging MVL liquidators: democracy or dictatorship?**  
**Daniel Lewis and Samuel Cathro**

- The use and abuse of MVLs
- Do members have a right to be consulted or to direct?
- The many vs the few – should all members be consulted?

2.40pm **Challenging officeholders under s.236: the Eversholt appeal and obtaining documents from 3<sup>rd</sup> parties**  
**Lexa Hilliard KC and Zoë Barton KC**

- Does *Webb v Eversholt Rail Ltd* mark a shift in approach?
- What alternatives do I have to s.236 for disclosure?
- How do the new information sharing regulations assist?

3.05pm **Break**

3.35pm **Challenging directors: BHS**  
**Sri Carmichael, Rachael Earle and Jamie Holmes**

- Falling short? - The “notional director” standard
- ‘But it wasn’t my fault’ - delegation, reliance on professional advice, causation and practical considerations
- Trading Misfeasance - what is it and do we still need Section 214?

4.05pm **Challenging officeholder discretions: thoughts from both sides**  
**James Bailey KC, Ernest Leung and Daniel Jukes**

- Establishing standing to bring a challenge
- Potential Grounds of challenge:
  - Limited to perversity?
  - The relevance of public law?
  - Relationship with ex p. James?
- Assignments of Causes of Action

4.35pm **Challenging trustees in bankruptcy: the decision in *Ackerman v Leeds***  
**Marcia Shekerdemian KC and Benedict Evans**

- Standing - who has it?
- No surplus - problem or no problem for the bankrupt?
- Release from liability - how far does it go?

5pm **Challenging the Judge: in conversation with His Honour Judge Dight CBE**  
**Discussion led by Bobby Friedman**

5.45pm **Closing remarks from Marcia Shekerdemian KC and Daniel Lewis**

5.50pm **Drinks Reception**

7pm **Dinner at Theo Randall**

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