

Commercial Litigation Conference 2025

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Thursday 16th October 2025

St Pancras London, Autograph Collection Hotel, Euston Rd, NW1 2AR

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Timetable

12.30pm **Registration and lunch**

1.30pm **Opening Remarks from James Bailey KC**

1.35pm **When business partners fall out: Litigation developments in director and shareholder disputes**
Nikki Singla KC, Tom Robinson KC and Graeme Halkerston

- Directors caught in shareholders' disputes
- Valuation Issues: when will a minority discount be ordered?
- What are the contentious issues in reflective loss five years after *Marex*?

2.05pm **Exclusion clauses in the firing line: What works and what doesn't**
Tiffany Scott KC and Caspar Bartscherer

- Expanding the limits of respecting the parties' bargain
- Excluding liability for fraud
- Exclusion clauses and jurisdiction clashes

2.30pm **Fiendish fiduciaries: Bringing them to account**
Thomas Grant KC, James Bailey KC and Jessica Brooke

- *Rukhadze v Recovery Partners Ltd*: new ground or old rules?
- *Stevens v Hotel Portfolio II UK Ltd*: doubling down on dishonest assistance
- Bribes and brokers in the car finance and energy cases

3pm **Break**

3.30pm **Cards on the table: Statements of case, trials and late amendments**
James Walmsley, Bobby Friedman and Alice Hawker

- Statements of case state a party's case, but how do they further limit cross-examination and judgments?
- How late is too late to amend?
- When will limitation bar an amendment (under English and foreign law)?

4pm **Tick Tock: s.32 of the Limitation Act**
Zoë Barton KC and Daniel Petrides

- What is 'deliberate concealment'?
- Whose knowledge matters?
- Public registers
- Strike out/summary judgment

4.25pm **Post-Brexit judgment enforcement: Hague 2019 in practice**
Alan Gourgey KC and Daniel Jukes

- The scope of Hague 2019
- The circumstances in which a judgment is enforceable under Hague 2019
- Enforcement procedure
- Comparison to other enforcement regimes

4.55pm **Five-minute pitch**
Philippe Kuhn, Ernest Leung and Naomi Kilcoyne

5.25pm **Closing Remarks from James Bailey KC**

5.30pm **Drinks Reception**

9pm **Carriages**