

Wilberforce BVI Conference & Dinner 2026

Tuesday 15th September 2026

BVI International Arbitration Centre and Brandywine Estate Restaurant, BVI

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Timetable

3.30pm **Registration and refreshments at
BVI International Arbitration Centre**

4pm **Opening remarks**

4.05pm **Spreading the net: Common law liability
for assisting a tort**

Graeme Halkerston and Theo Dixon

- Suing accessories is key to asset recovery in high-value, multi-jurisdictional litigation
- Accessory liability in tort is often overlooked
- Common design
- Procuring a tort
- Advantages of accessory claims compared to conspiracy and dishonest assistance

4.30pm **Litigation about directors' meetings /
boardroom disputes**
Clare Stanley KC

4.45pm **Blessing trustee decisions in the real world**
Fenner Moeran KC and Tom Roscoe

- Findings of fact, judgement calls and exercises of discretion
- Prospective blessing vs retrospective postmortem
- Rationality vs reasonableness
- Comparisons with insolvency practitioners' authorisations from committee and Court

5.10pm **Break**

5.40pm **Common law canapés**
Marcia Shekerdemian KC

- The illegality defence
- Fiduciary duties and bribery
- Issue estoppel
- Contractual interpretation

5.55pm **The Equitable Doctrine of Sharp Practice**
James Bailey KC

- Developments in the illegality defence since *Patel v Mirza*
- Foreign law illegality – different considerations?
- Possibilities and pitfalls – strategic considerations when running or facing an illegality defence

6.10pm **Topical issues in deceit**
Bobby Friedman KC and Philippe Kuhn

- Implied representations - when they arise and how to rely on them
- The requirement for conscious awareness post-*Ivanishvili*
- Implications for securities litigation – claims by investors
- Available remedies

6.35pm **Closing remarks**

6.40pm **Coaches depart for Brandywine Estate
Restaurant**