

Insolvency & Restructuring Annual Seminar



Thursday, 11th June, 2026

9:00 - 17:00

Marriott Royal, College Green, Bristol BS1 5TA

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Programme

9:00 - 9:30	REGISTRATION WITH TEAS, COFFEES AND PASTRIES
9:30 - 9:40	CHAIR'S ADDRESS Stephen Baister, Manolete Partners
9:40 - 10:25	COVERING THE FACTS: INFORMATION GATHERING IN INSOLVENCY PROCEEDINGS James Hannant and Saisha Bacon (Guildhall Chambers)
10:25 - 10:45	LEGAL AUTHORITIES IN ACTION Charlotte May, Manolete Partners
10:45 - 11:05	REFRESHMENTS BREAK
11:05 - 11:50	CARRYING ON AND HELPING OUT: FRAUDULENT TRADING AND DISHONEST ASSISTANCE Simon Passfield KC and Govinder Chambay (Guildhall Chambers)
11:50 - 12:50	WORKSHOP SESSION
12:50 - 13:50	LUNCH
13:50 - 14:50	WORKSHOP SESSION
14:50 - 15:00	REFRESHMENTS BREAK
15:00 - 15:45	PANEL SESSION: RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN PART 26A RESTRUCTURING PLANS Stefan Ramel (Guildhall Chambers), George Hobson (HMRC), Simon Jerrum (Russell Cooke) and David Pike (Grant Thornton)
15:45 - 16:30	CLAIMS UNDER THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 FOLLOWING THE SUPREME COURT'S DECISION IN ZEDRA TRUST COMPANY (JERSEY) LTD V THG PLC Richard Ascroft and Zachariah Pullar (Guildhall Chambers)
16:30 - 17:00	STEPHEN BAISTER – LIFE AS A LAWYER AND ON THE BENCH – AN INTERVIEW WITH HUGH SIMS KC
17:00	DRINKS RECEPTION

Workshop Sessions

Topic

Speaker

Bankruptcy Petitions: Significant Developments and Updates

This workshop, delivered by Govinder Chambay and Jennifer Edwards, both of Guildhall Chambers, will consider a number of authorities and practical issues relating to bankruptcy petitions. Areas of focus will include:

- *Pereti v Eden Farm SRL* [2025] EWHC 1349 (Ch) – The appropriate procedure for debtors wishing to challenge jurisdiction on receipt of a statutory demand.
- *Ciddy Ltd v Natalia* [2025] EWHC 1616 (Ch) – Can the court provisionally assess whether a genuinely disputed petition debt will still exceed the bankruptcy threshold?
- Bankruptcy petitions and Breathing Space / Mental Health Crisis Moratoriums – The court's approach and practical considerations.

Govinder Chambay
and
Jennifer Edwards

Corporate Insolvency

This workshop, led by Saisha Bacon and Zachariah Pullar, will aim to explore frequently encountered case questions in a winding-up/corporate insolvency context in small group discussion sessions. The worked examples will incorporate discussion of recent developments, such as *Aquatint LP (In Official Liquidation) v Fan* [2025] UKPC 56, [2026] 1 WLR 1755, on the circumstances in which just and equitable winding up may be available.

Saisha Bacon
and
Zachariah Pullar

Causes and Conflicts: A Case Study on IP Liability

In this case study on IP liability, Stefan Ramel and Holly Doyle will analyse the recent activity at High Court level on contractual limitation of liability clauses (*Pagden & Ors v Fry & Anor* [2025] EWHC 2316 (Ch) and *Cedar Securities Limited (in liquidation) v. Phillips* [2025] EWHC 2760 (Ch)) and IP conflicts of interest, the removal of IP and the appointment of a conflict IP (*BTI 2014 LLC v. Finbarr O'Connell & Colin Hardman* [2025] EWHC 2115).

Stefan Ramel
and
Holly Doyle

Plenary Sessions

Topic

Speaker

Covering the Facts: Information Gathering in Insolvency Proceedings

Exploring the range of investigatory powers available in insolvency proceedings, from compulsory information gathering to injunctions and asset preservation measures. Drawing on key authorities, the talk will highlight how office holders can most effectively uncover the facts, secure cooperation, and identify the full extent of the insolvency estate.

James Hannant
and
Saisha Bacon

Carrying On and Helping Out: Fraudulent Trading and Dishonest Assistance

Simon Passfield KC and Govinder Chambay will consider recent authorities concerning fraudulent trading and dishonest assistance and the practical and legal consequences which flow from those decisions. Particular focus will be placed upon:

- How recent case law has impacted the viability of pursuing fraudulent trading claims against third parties/outside, in light of *Bilta (UK) Ltd v Tradition Financial Services Ltd* [2025] UKSC 18 and the decision of Leech J in *Transworld Payment Solutions UK Limited v First Curacao International Bank NV* [2025] EWHC 2480 (Ch)
- Liability for dishonest assistance following the decision in *Stevens v Hotel Portfolio II UK Ltd* [2025] UKSC 28.

Simon Passfield KC
and
Govinder Chambay

Panel Session: Recent Developments in Part 26A Restructuring Plans

Stefan Ramel will be joined by George Hobson (HMRC Legal), Simon Jerrum (Russell Cooke) and David Pike (GT) on a panel session that will discuss the latest developments in Part 26A restructuring plans, including the recent High Court decision in *Waldorf Production*

Stefan Ramel,
George Hobson (HMRC
Legal), Simon Jerrum
(Russell Cooke) and
David Pike (GT)

Claims under the Insolvency Act 1986 following the Supreme Court's decision in *Zedra Trust Company (Jersey) Ltd v THG plc*

The Supreme Court's decision in *THG v Zedra* has wide-ranging implications for insolvency litigation. This session unpacks what the judgment really means for claims by office-holders, including standing, loss, and causation, and considers where claimants and defendants are likely to focus next.

Richard Ascroft
and
Zachariah Pullar

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