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# 34th ICC FraudNet Conference

Sanctions, Fraud  
and Asset Recovery  
in a Turbulent World

## WHEN

Thursday 5th -  
Saturday 7th May 2022

## WHERE

St Raphael Resort  
Limassol  
Cyprus

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# Civil Fraud at Serle Court

Serle Court has been a leading set of chambers in the area of civil fraud for many years, having been consistently ranked in Band 1 in both Chambers & Partners and Legal 500. With a number of silks and juniors rated as leading practitioners by the legal directories, teams from chambers have been involved for both claimants and defendants in many of the most complex and high-value civil fraud cases of the past decade, such as *Public Institution for Social Security of Kuwait v Man Group PLC*, *Glenn v Watson*, *Fiona Trust*, *Accident Exchange v McLean*, *BTA Bank v Ablyazov*, *Aeroflot v Berezovsky*, *Sovcomflot v Privalov*, *Ras Al Khaimah v Bestfort*, *Constantin Medien v Ecclestone*, *Tatneft PJSC v Bogolyubov*, *Orb v Ruhan*.

As well as the above matters, Serle Court has been instructed in well-known cases such as Barings Bank and Barlow Clowes, the Gruppo Torras litigation, the Sumitomo Corporation trading fraud and the Madoff and Maxwell frauds.

Often several teams from Serle Court are involved in the biggest cases so chambers is experienced and adept at coping with the additional demands of confidentiality arising when members appear on different sides. Barristers in chambers are particularly noted for their strategic judgment and their effectiveness in court.

One of the things which differentiates Serle Court is our technical knowledge and long experience in the field of civil fraud combined with our expertise not only in banking/financial services and company/insolvency but also in the fields of private client and trusts. We can, therefore, provide teams which can tackle fraud cases across the full range of subject matter and legal categories, and across the world, including the all important asset tracing elements of the cases. As well as regular appearances in the courts in London, over the past few years, we have appeared or advised in the Bahamas, BVI, Bermuda, the Cayman Islands, the Channel Islands, the CIS, France, Isle of Man, Hong Kong, Japan and the UAE.

## ICC Fraudnet

Serle Court is proud to be the only chambers which is a strategic partner of ICC FraudNet.



***"Members offer significant expertise in claims involving allegations of bribery, as well as the tracing, freezing and recovery of assets across a wide range of jurisdictions."***

Chambers and Partners, 2022



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# Meet the Team

## Civil Fraud

### Queen's Counsel

Elizabeth Jones QC

Patrick Talbot QC

Kuldip Singh QC

Dominic Dowley QC

Philip Marshall QC

Philip Jones QC

Lance Ashworth QC

David Casement QC FCI Arb

John Machell QC

Hugh Norbury QC

Jonathan Adkin QC

Rupert Reed QC

Zoe O'Sullivan QC

Andrew Moran QC

Daniel Lightman QC

Richard Wilson QC

Prof Jonathan Harris QC (Hon)

Dakis Hagen QC

Justin Higgo QC

Timothy Collingwood QC

Giles Richardson QC

### Junior Counsel + 10 years

Nicholas Harrison

Andrew Bruce

David Drake

Simon Hattan

Jennifer Haywood

Ruth Jordan

Matthew Morrison

James Mather

Dan McCourt Fritz

Gareth Tilley

James Weale

Paul Adams

Thomas Elias

Sophie Holcombe

Adil Mohamedbahi

Jonathan McDonagh

### Junior Counsel - 10 years

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*"Serle Court is 'superbly skillful at all levels and a great team from clerks to QCs'. The set has long been a leading force in civil fraud, combined with its strong expertise in offshore and trusts related disputes."*

Legal 500, 2022



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# Speakers & Attendees



## Lance Ashworth QC

Lance is a chancery, commercial and insolvency silk, whose practice takes in both UK and international cases. His clients hail from the USA, Ethiopia, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Malaysia, Jersey, Cayman and Australia as well as many in the UK. He is very happy to travel abroad to meet clients.

Since 2016, Lance has sat as a Deputy High Court Judge in the Chancery Division.

Legal directories describe him as having *“remarkable clarity of thought, and picks up points others miss”*. Lance is rated as *“an authoritative advocate who commands respect from the bench”* and *“very hardworking, fantastic on detail and unquestionably a fighter”*.



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## Andrew Moran QC

Andrew's practice covers a broad range of work from contentious trusts, through what may be conveniently described as general commercial work and civil fraud, to professional indemnity insurance work of various sorts.

The bulk of his work tends to fall under the heading of general commercial litigation with a strong emphasis on civil fraud. A significant proportion of his work originates overseas, in particular from the USA, the Isle of Man, the Channel Islands and various Caribbean jurisdictions. He has a particular interest in the jurisdictional aspects of civil fraud.

Andrew is described by the legal directories as, “a wonderful legal brain” and “extraordinarily smart and tactical; delightful to work with and hugely admired”.

Andrew is the author of: “*Commercial Litigation in Anglophone Africa*” (Juta Press, 2018; 2nd edition June 2022).



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## James Mather

*"An exceptionally bright rising star of the Chancery Bar"*, James focuses on large-scale and complex commercial disputes with an emphasis on the areas of civil fraud and asset recovery; insolvency; company and partnership disputes; and domestic and offshore trusts matters. He also has particular knowledge and experience of interim injunctions and issues arising from international litigation including cross-border insolvency. He is consistently recognised in the legal directories as a leading junior, where he is described as *"absolutely phenomenally intelligent"* and *"brilliant in court"*, and won Insolvency Junior of the Year at the Legal 500 Bar Awards.

He was formerly a member of the Serious Fraud Office's panel of counsel for recovery of the proceeds of crime and standing junior counsel to the Department of Business in directors' disqualification proceedings.

James will be joining the panel on Friday, 6th May at 10:25am: **Part 3: Sanctions - A New Paradigm for Offshore Asset Recovery?**



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## Dan McCourt Fritz

Dan has a broad commercial chancery practice with a particular focus on domestic and international commercial and commercial fraud disputes often involving alleged defaults by trustees or other fiduciaries. Dan has also developed specialist interests in civil contempt proceedings and breach of confidence claims.

Dan is recognised by the main directories as a leading junior in civil fraud, chancery commercial, and company and partnership law. He is described as *"A rising star"* and *"brilliant at what he does"*. The directories also emphasise Dan's excellence in handling clients – *"Clients absolutely love him"*; *"he is superb with clients, which really marks him out"* – and his strengths as a team player, *"an absolute pleasure to work with"*, *"a collaborative team player who is great on detail"* and *"fantastic to lead and work with."*

Dan will be moderating the 11:15am session on Friday, 6th May: **Part 4: Insolvency and sanctions: Who's first, creditor or the State? Management of sanctioned entity.**



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