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# 3rd Annual IBA Asset Recovery Conference

3–5 December 2025, Pestana Palace Lisboa, Lisbon, Portugal

## Working programme

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Stephen Baker *Baker & Partners, St Helier; Co-Chair, IBA Asset Recovery Committee*

Kate McMahon *Edmonds Marshall McMahon, London; Co-Chair, IBA Asset Recovery Committee*

## Wednesday 3 December

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1700 – 1830 **Youth Asset Recovery Club meeting**  
*Correio-Mor*  
*Pestana Palace*

1830 – 2030 **Welcome reception**  
*Lustiano II, The Old Stables*  
*Pestana Palace*

All registered delegates and speakers registered to attend the full conference are welcome to attend.

## Thursday 4 December

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**All working sessions will take place in Belem**  
**All tea/coffee breaks will take place in the Belem foyer**  
**All lunches will take place in Aduja**

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0830 – 1730 **Registration**

0830 – 0900 **Welcome coffee/tea**

0900 – 0915 **Welcome address by the Conference Co-Chairs – Kate McMahon & Stephen Baker**

0915 – 1000 **Keynote Speaker**  
Sir John Goldring *President of Cayman Court of Appeal, Cayman Islands*

Opening address by Sir John Goldring President of Cayman Court of Appeal and formerly Presiding Judge of England and Wales and Court of Appeal of England and Wales on: why cases fail and the importance of advocacy in the presentation of fraud and asset recovery trials.

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## 1000 – 1050 Session one

### What not to do in my jurisdiction: How to avoid a car crash – a practitioner's guide

This two-part panel with discussions from the following Jurisdictions

*Moderator*

**Kate McMahon** *Edmonds Marshall McMahon, London; Co-Chair, IBA Asset Recovery Committee*

*Speakers*

**Henrique Forssell** *Duarte Forssell Advogados, São Paulo*

**Wendy Lin** *WongPartnership, Singapore; Regional Representative South East Asia, IBA Asset Recovery Committee*

**Dan Saoul KC** *4 New Square, London*

**Fabio Trevisan** *BSP, Luxembourg City; Membership Officer, IBA Litigation Committee*

## 1050 – 1110 Coffee/tea break

## 1110 – 1200 Session two

### What not to do in my jurisdiction: how to avoid a car crash – a practitioner's guide

*Moderators*

**Lucio Angelo Jr** *Attorney General's Office, Brasilia; Academic Liaison Officer, IBA Asset Recovery Committee*

**Hector Sbert** *EJICA, Barcelona; External Fraud Groups Liaison Officer, IBA Asset Recovery Committee*

*Speakers*

**Zachary Bluestone** *Bluestone PC, Washington DC*

**Miguel De Avillez Pereira** *Avillez Castro Legal, Lisbon*

**Marina Hadjisoteriou** *Patrikios Pavlou & Associates, Limassol; Representative, Levant, IBA Asset Recovery Committee*

**Trevor Mascarenhas** *PCB Byrne, London*

## 1200 – 1230 Session three

### What not to do in your jurisdiction: Views from the floor – what number one tip should asset recovery lawyers know about your jurisdiction

*Moderators*

**Stephen Baker** *Baker & Partners, St Helier; Co-Chair, IBA Asset Recovery Committee*

**Kate McMahon** *Edmonds Marshall McMahon, London; Co-Chair, IBA Asset Recovery Committee*

## 1230 – 1345 Lunch

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## 1345 – 1430 Session four

### **How does extradition affect asset recovery – How to get the culprit (or more importantly assets) back**

Views from the USA and UK. How does extradition impact asset recovery? How do practitioners negotiate challenges?

*Moderator*

**Keith Oliver** *Peters & Peters, London; Senior Vice Chair, IBA Asset Recovery Committee*

*Speaker*

**Judge John Zani** *District Judge, London*

## 1430 – 1530 Session five

### **Deep dive into US discovery process**

An hour session to deep dive into Chapter 15 and 1782. What are the limits? Where to lodge Chapter 15 recognition applications and why? How is discovery affected by State Law? How does CHIPS work? What additional information can be obtained and how many rounds of applications will the court tolerate? In this session we will hear from lawyers from Florida, New York, Canada and Chicago.

*Moderator*

**Stephen Baker** *Baker & Partners, St Helier; Co-Chair, IBA Asset Recovery Committee*

*Speakers*

**Arnoldo Lacayo** *Sequor Law, Miami, Florida; Treasurer, IBA Asset Recovery Committee*

**Michelle Usitalo** *Baker & Hostetler, New York, USA*

## 1530 – 1630 Session six

### **Deep dive into France and Switzerland as civil law comparisons**

Both jurisdictions with plenty to offer when it comes to obtaining material and making it difficult for fraudsters. What's the best way to show a fraudster you mean business in these countries?

*Moderator*

**Andreas Erotocritou** *of AG Erotocritou LLC, Limassol; Vice Chair, IBA Asset Recovery Committee*

*Speakers*

**Jacques-Alexandre Genet** *Archipel, Paris*

**Yves Klein** *Monfrini Bitton Klein, Geneva*

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# Thursday continued

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1630 – 1730

## **Drinks with discussions to end Day One – 3 questions, 3 answers, 3 experts**

Please join us in one of 3 discussion corners to consider how else a fraud lawyer might land a punch.

*Moderator*

**Keith Oliver** *Peters & Peters, London; Senior Vice Chair, IBA Asset Recovery Committee*

### **Tips on encouraging witnesses to cooperate – what works and what doesn't?**

**Joana Rego** *Raedas, London*

### **Investigative methodology including E-Discovery Trends and AI F**

**Alejandro Gomez Igbo** *Forensic Technology, London*

### **Crypto and Tracing**

**Jonathan Benton** *iSanctuary, Cambridge*

1900 – 0000

## **Conference dinner and after dinner drinks**

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There will be coaches departing the hotel at 1830 to go to the dinner and then staggered returning coaches at 2230, 2315 and 0000.

The dress code is Black tie.

The ticket price is €100.

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0830 – 0900 **Welcome coffee/tea**

0900 – 0930 **UNCITRAL ASSET RECOVERY TOOL KIT**

Highlights from the new toolkit.

*Moderator/Interviewer*

**Paul Hughes** *Kobre Kim, Dubai; Regional Representative, North Africa / Middle East, IBA Asset Recovery Committee*

*Speaker*

**Samira Musayeva** *Senior Legal Office UNCITRAL Secretariat, Vienna*

**0930 – 1015 Session seven**

**Three Arrows deep dive – Insolvency, crypto and the use of AI**

*Moderator*

**Jonathan Addo** *Harneys, Road Town, British Virgin Islands; Secretary, IBA Asset Recovery Committee*

*Speaker*

**Russell Crumpler** *Liquidator of Three Arrows, Tortola, British Virgin Islands*

**1015 – 1115 Session eight**

**Cutting Edge Crypto Cases**

A study into deep-fakes, Crypto Scams, and cutting edge technology designed to make fraud easier and recovery harder.

*Moderator*

**Dorothy Siron** *Stephenson Harwood, Hong Kong; Conference Quality Officer, IBA Asset Recovery Committee*

*Speakers*

**Benjamin Bathgate** *Weir Foulds, Toronto, Ontario*

**Ashley Fairbrother** *Edmonds Marshall McMahon, London, England*

**Christopher Whitehouse** *Reynolds Porter, London, United Kingdom*

1115 – 1135 **Coffee/tea break**

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## 1135 – 1235 Session nine

### **Crypto development in Africa**

Crypto development is advanced in Sub-Saharan Africa due to high mobile penetration, a young demographic, currency volatility and high remittance costs, which create a need for digital asset solutions for saving, payments, and commerce.

In Sub-Saharan Africa, crypto (and especially Stablecoin) serve a crucial function in cross-border payments, savings, and small business commerce. Whilst Stable Coin is growing in use in Africa for private transactions, Governments are simultaneously exploring their own digital currencies and payment infrastructure upgrades as part of a broader modernization trend. Central banks in several African countries have considered or piloted central bank digital currencies (CBDCs) to enhance financial inclusion and monetary sovereignty. This session takes an in-depth look at Sub-Saharan Africa with an eye to future growth.

Other experts will discuss novel ways of dealing with fast paced crypto cases.

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**Dorothy Siron** *Stephenson Harwood, Hong Kong; Conference Quality Officer, IBA Asset Recovery Committee*

*Speakers*

**Jonathan Benton** *iSanctuary, Cambridge*

**Henry Chambers** *Alvarez Marsal, Hong Kong*

**Andrew Musayeva** *Chairman, Kenyan Central Bank, Nairobi*

1235 – 1335 **Lunch**

## 1335 – 1435 Session ten

### **Asset recovery in the Middle East – Abu Dhabi court enforcement-making the directions and paying it back – How?**

*Moderator*

**Sara Sheffield** *Charles Russell Speechley, Dubai; Member, IBA Asset Recovery Committee Advisory Board*

*Speaker*

**Judge Ahmed Bakry** *Abu Dhabi Commercial Court, Abu Dhabi*

1435 – 1535 **IBA ARC open business meeting**

1930 **Host committee dinner**

*Java rooftop*

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*1200-152 Lisboa*

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-  **FIRE International Circle**  
24-25 February 2026 | The K Club, Kildare, Ireland
-  **FIRE Starters: Global Summit - Dublin**  
25-27 February 2026 | Conrad Hotel, Dublin, Ireland
-  **FIRE & ICE Circle Europe**  
10-11 March 2026 | Le Mirador Resort & Spa, Vevey, Switzerland
-  **FIRE International: Vilamoura**  
19-21 May 2026 | EPIC SANA Algarve Hotel, Vilamoura, Portugal
-  **FIRE Channel Islands & Isle of Man**  
17-18 June 2026 | Jersey, Channel Islands
-  **Insolvency & Restructuring Circle**  
20-21 October 2026 | Miami, USA
-  **FIRE Middle East**  
8-10 November 2026 | Dubai, UAE

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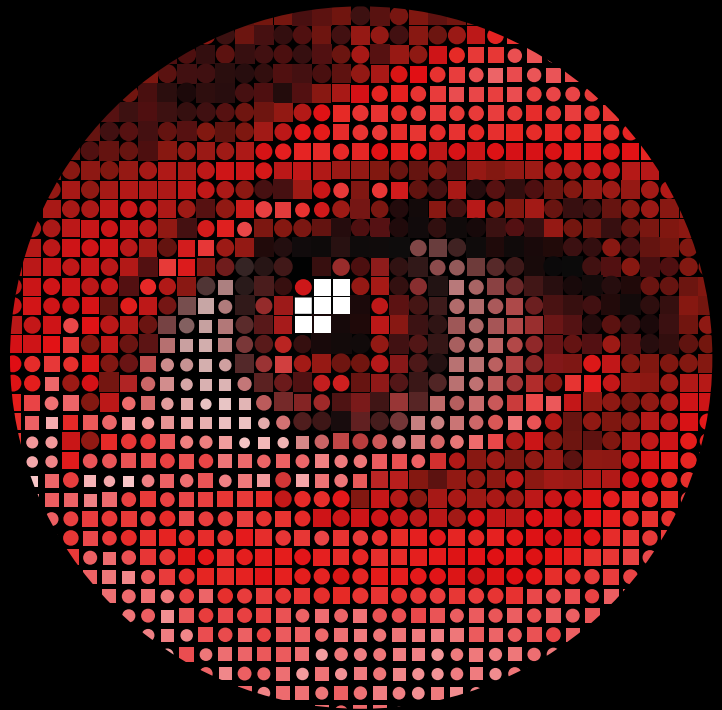
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