

Insolvency Conference & Dinner 2025

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Challenging decision-makers

3.5 CPD

Wednesday 23rd April 2025

InterContinental London Park Lane, One Hamilton Place, London W1J 7QY



Programme

- 1pm **Registration and lunch**
- 1.45pm **Opening remarks from Marcia Shekerdemian KC and Daniel Lewis**
- 1.50pm **Money, money, money: challenging officeholders' remuneration**
Jessica Brooke, Jia Wei Lee and Ram Lakshman
- Who can bring a challenge?
 - Tips and tactics for a successful challenge
 - Getting the timing right
 - Excessive remuneration: other routes of attack
- 2.20pm **Challenging MVL liquidators: democracy or dictatorship?**
Daniel Lewis and Samuel Cathro
- The use and abuse of MVLs
 - Do members have a right to be consulted or to direct?
 - The many vs the few – should all members be consulted?
- 2.45pm **Challenging officeholders under s.236: the Eversholt appeal and obtaining documents from 3rd parties**
Lexa Hilliard KC, Zoë Barton KC and Francesca Mitchell
- Does *Webb v Eversholt Rail Ltd* mark a shift in approach?
 - What alternatives do I have to s.236 for disclosure?
 - How do the new information sharing regulations assist?
- 3.15pm **Break**
- 3.45pm **Challenging directors: BHS**
Sri Carmichael, Rachael Earle and Jamie Holmes
- Falling short? - The “notional director” standard
 - ‘But it wasn’t my fault’ - delegation, reliance on professional advice, causation and practical considerations
 - Trading Misfeasance - what is it and do we still need Section 214?
- 4.15pm **Challenging officeholder discretions: thoughts from both sides**
James Bailey KC, Thomas Robinson KC and Ernest Leung
- Establishing standing to bring a challenge
 - Potential Grounds of challenge:
 - Limited to perversity?
 - The relevance of public law?
 - Relationship with ex p. James?
 - Assignments of Causes of Action
- 4.45pm **Challenging trustees in bankruptcy: the decision in Ackerman v Leeds**
Marcia Shekerdemian KC and Benedict Evans
- Standing - who has it?
 - No surplus - problem or no problem for the bankrupt?
 - Release from liability - how far does it go?
- 5.10pm **Challenging the Judge: in conversation with Chief ICC Judge Briggs**
- 5.55pm **Closing remarks from Marcia Shekerdemian KC and Daniel Lewis**
- 6pm **Drinks Reception**
- 7pm **Dinner at Theo Randall**

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