

Association STEP Geneva - Office of the Secretary

Thursday, August 29th, 2024 – ONLINE EVENT

Our next event will be held on **Thursday, August 29th, 2024** online: the link will be sent to those registered **one day before the event**. The Event starts **at 14:00** and will last for about an hour.

Ours speakers of the day will be:

Katie Hooper – *Partner of Mourant Ozannes (Jersey) LLP*

Justin Harvey-Hills - *Partner of Mourant Ozannes (Jersey) LLP*

Paul Lewis - *Counsel and an Advocate of the Royal Court of Jersey*

Fred Milner - *Counsel in the International Trusts & Private Client team (Jersey) (moderator)*

The Event will be in English on the topic:

COSTS AND DISCLOSURE IN TRUST LITIGATION – APPROACH OF THE COMMON LAW COURTS

A team of Mourant lawyers will run an informal panel session, discussing this topic and in particular:

- *possible costs in offshore litigation*
- *how costs orders are made by the courts*
- *costs as a strategic tool*
- *the importance of Beddoe applications*
- *discovery in common law courts*
- *confidentiality and trustee decision making*
- *how to avoid ending up in court*



Katie Hooper - *a Partner of Mourant Ozannes (Jersey) LLP and an Advocate of the Royal Court of Jersey in the Litigation & Dispute Resolution practice.*

She is an experienced advocate and have appeared before the Royal Court on many occasions in contentious matters. Katie also practised at the Bar of England and Wales from 2009 – 2012 and 2017 – 2019. Therefore, she has honed her legal skills both at the chancery commercial bar of England and Wales and her busy international litigation practice in Jersey.

She has experience in a broad spectrum of litigation matters, including contentious trusts and private client, insolvency, banking and professional negligence. Katie has acted in complex and high-value trust and commercial litigation in Jersey, both as the lead advocate and as part of a wider team.

She has previously been named as one of eprivateclient's Top 35 Under 35. She received a bronze award in the 'IFC Lawyer of the Year – Senior/Managing Associate' category at the Citywealth Future Leaders Awards 2020 and I was named by Citywealth in their Future Top 100: 2020 List. She joined Mourant's Jersey Litigation practice in 2012 and became a Partner in 2022.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- Advocate of the Royal Court of Jersey, 2014
- Barrister, England & Wales, 2008 (currently non-practising)
- Bar Vocational Course (Outstanding)
- MA (Hons) Jurisprudence: Jesus College, Oxford University, (First Class Honours)



Justin Harvey-Hills - a Partner of Mourant Ozannes (Jersey) LLP,

He specialises in banking, financial services, corporate and trusts litigation. He has particular experience of investment and employee fraud, asset recovery, anti-money laundering legislation, regulatory investigations and trust disputes.

He spent six years with Simmons & Simmons in London before joining Mourant Ozannes in 2010 and he is also an accredited mediator.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- Advocate, Jersey, 2006
- Read law at University of Aix-en-Provence
- Read law at Exeter University

⇒ *In Legal 500 UK 2024, Justin is ranked as a Leading Individual and Recommended Lawyer in Dispute Resolution.*

⇒ *In Legal 500 UK 2023, Justin is a Recommended Lawyer in Dispute Resolution and is described as "a litigation heavy-weight who really knows his stuff and thinks strategically."*

⇒ *In Chambers and Partners UK 2023, Justin is individually ranked in Dispute Resolution.*



Paul Lewis - Counsel and an Advocate of the Royal Court of Jersey for our Litigation & Dispute Resolution practice.

He has an experienced advocate and have appeared before the Royal Court on several occasions in contentious matters. He has been involved in some of the largest and most complex trust proceedings in Jersey, most notably C. Crociani, A and B v E Crociani and Seven Others 2017 (2) JLR 303, where he appeared as a trial advocate for the successful Plaintiffs. He was also part of the team which succeeded in the Royal Court, the Jersey Court of Appeal and the Privy Council during a forum dispute earlier in the same proceedings.

In addition, he practised at the Bar of England and Wales from 2007 – 2012 and again from 2017 – 2021. In 2018, he was appointed to the Attorney General's Panel of Junior Counsel to the Crown. From

2019 to 2021, he was a committee member of the Chancery Bar Association. While at the Bar, he appeared regularly before the High Court, in a wide range of applications, case management hearings and trials.

He has experience in a broad spectrum of litigation matters, including contentious trusts, company law, insolvency and restructuring and private client work.

He joined Mourant as Counsel in 2021.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- *Advocate of the Royal Court of Jersey, 2014*
- *Barrister, England and Wales, 2007 (currently non-practising)*
- *LLM in Commercial Law, University of Bristol (Distinction)*
- *Jules Thorn Scholar of Middle Temple (GDL & BVC)*
- *BA (Joint Hons), History and Italian, University of Leeds (First class)*



Fred Milner - *Counsel in the International Trusts & Private Client team, based in our Jersey office.*

He has worked in the trusts and private client industry for over 25 years and held senior roles in law firms and trust companies. Before moving back to Jersey in 2016, he worked in Geneva for 11 years.

His core areas of expertise are succession planning and family governance and the use of trusts and companies in achieving those objectives and related issues. He has also interested in family office structuring, investment management arrangements, risk management for trustees, and the confidentiality vs transparency debate.

He has also spoken at conferences and contributed to or been quoted in publications including STEP Journal, The Lawyer and Le Temps in Geneva.

He speaks fluent French and good Spanish.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- *Solicitor, England (non-practising)*
- *Advocate, Jersey*

⇒ *In Legal 500 UK 2024, Fred is named as a Recommended Lawyer in Private Client, Trusts and Tax.*

⇒ *Fred Milner is listed as a Global Elite - Lawyer in the Private Client Global Elite Directory 2023.*

⇒ *In Legal 500 UK 2023, Fred is a Recommended Lawyer in the area of Private Client, Trusts and Tax.*

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