

Association STEP Geneva - Office of the Secretary

Thursday 5 December 2024 – Buffet/Lunch Conference

Our next buffet/lunch conference will be held **on Thursday 5 December 2024** at the **Four Seasons Hotel des Bergues Geneva**. The buffet luncheon will be served from 12:00 until 12:45, the presentation will be from 12:45 until 13:45 including Q&A and the coffee/desserts will be available between 13:45 and 14:00.

Our speaker of the day will be **Toby Graham – Partner at Farrer & Co** and **Roxane Reiser - a Barrister at 1 Hare Court Chambers**, who will speak in **English** on the topic:

TWO SYSTEMS COLLIDE: HOW DO SWISS AND ENGLISH COURTS APPROACH INTERESTS OF BENEFICIARIES OF DISCRETIONARY TRUSTS IN THE EVENT OF DIVORCE?

Description: An overview of how Swiss and English courts approach interests of beneficiaries of discretionary trusts in divorce proceedings, and what steps can be taken to protect such interests. Through “real life” examples, this presentation will explore issues of trust validity, applicable law, matrimonial regimes, jurisdiction and enforcement, with a particular emphasis on Anglo-Swiss situations.



Toby is Farrer & Co's head of contentious trusts and estates. He is an expert in significant cross-border contentious trusts and estates. He is regularly involved in trust disputes before courts in England and overseas, including offshore jurisdictions and Switzerland. Toby is a distinguished contributor to key texts on wills and trusts (Trusts & Trustees published by OUP; STEP diploma in trust disputes; Money Laundering (Butterworths Compliance Series) and A Practical Guide to the Transfer of Trusteeships (3rd edition). He is a member of the Trust Law Committee and of the editorial board of the Wills & Trusts Law Reports. He is consistently recognised in the main UK legal directories as one of the leading trust & estates practitioners in the country.



Roxane is a Barrister at 1 Hare Court Chambers. She is a divorce practitioner with a particular expertise in trust, jurisdiction and enforcement disputes. Her cases typically involve assets held overseas, assets held in trust or via complex corporate entities. Roxane is also a qualified Swiss lawyer and regularly advises on Swiss family law and private client matters. She is recognised in the main UK legal directories as a “rising star” with “a sharp tactical mind” who is “excellent at cases involving international jurisdictions”. (Legal 500 2024 and Chambers & Partners UK Bar 2025).

Registration:

To register please go to our website: <http://www.step-geneva.org>

Price of the event is **CHF 65** for STEP members (**CHF 85** for non-members and **CHF 45** for STEP Diploma Students), payable in advance by credit card or transfer to our UBS bank account

Registrations and payment must be received at least 48 hours before the event. Anyone who does not register 48 hours in advance may see their registration cancelled should the Hotel not be able to accommodate numbers. Because STEP is liable for reservations made, “no shows” will be required to pay. Cancellations in writing must be received by the Secretariat at least 72 hours before the event.

This event counts as “1 structured CPD hour”.

If you have any queries on registration, please send an email to Larisa Udalyagina (STEP Geneva Secretariat) at secretariat@step-geneva.org and she will help you with your registration.

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