SPEAKERS

Sherice Arman, Maples and Calder, Cayman Islands

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Maxine Bodden TEP, Maples and Calder, Cayman Islands

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Sarah Cormack, Withers LLP, UK

Sarah advises on tax, trusts and estate planning, both onshore and offshore, for high net worth individuals with a focus on complex offshore structures. She has particular expertise in advising on the establishment of private trust company structures and related fiduciary and governance issues, together with all aspects relating to the family office. Sarah also advises clients on the UK tax implications of becoming resident in the UK and assists in ensuring that a client’s asset holding structures are appropriate for a relocation to the UK.

Oliver Court TEP, Macfarlanes LLP, UK

Oliver advises individuals, families and trustees based in the UK and abroad on UK tax, estate planning and asset structuring. His clients range from UK families and executives to European and US entrepreneurs and their structures.

Oliver specialises in advising on UK/US situations and spent time on secondment with the trusts and estates group of a leading New York law firm.

He also works with families to establish and reorganise international family office and asset-holding structures and put in place family constitutions.
Antony Duckworth TEP, Collas Crill, Cayman Islands

Antony Duckworth was admitted as an English solicitor in 1971 and as a Cayman Islands attorney-at-law in 1974. He has been an associate with Allen & Overy in London, and a partner of Maples and Calder. He is now a partner of Collas Crill. He practises principally in the commercial and trust areas. He has contributed to various publications, and has assisted the Cayman Islands Government with various pieces of legislation. He is the Chairman of the People’s Progressive Movement. He is also a long-term member of the International Academy of Estate and Trust Law.

Arturo Garnham, Garnham Abogados, Chile

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Edmund Granski, Edmund Granski, USA

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Sophia Harris, Solomon Harris, Cayman Islands

Sophia-Ann Harris (nee Solomon) is the founder of the law firm Solomon Harris.

Sophia’s specialties include banking, investment funds, corporate and commercial law, trusts, immigration and all aspects of local licensing law. She is a well-recognised corporate and immigration attorney. Sophia is a past Chairwoman of the Immigration Appeals Tribunal and past Chairwoman of the Board of Directors of Butterfield Bank (Cayman) Ltd. Sophia is a Past President of the Chamber of Commerce and during her term she addressed the United Nations on a number of occasions including the United Nations General Assembly on constitutional matters for the Cayman Islands.
Ceci Hassan, Baker McKenzie, USA

Ceci Hassan is a Partner in Baker McKenzie’s Tax Practice Group, and Global Wealth Management sub-practice group in Miami, Florida.

Ms. Hassan’s practice focuses on international clients, their families, family offices, and their companies with structuring their investments inside and outside of the US, such as international trust planning, structuring US real estate holding structures with compliance with FIRPTA, investments and holdings in US and foreign companies and operating businesses, preimmigration planning for individuals and families coming to the US, expatriation planning for individuals renouncing their US citizenships or green cards, global exchange of information (FATCA, CRS), and other international tax planning matters. She also handles general tax planning for individuals and companies.

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Reaz Jafri, Withersworldwide, USA

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Renato Labi, Hughes Fowler Carruthers, UK

Renato is a partner at leading London family law firm Hughes Fowler Carruthers. He deals with complex, high value matrimonial disputes, frequently with an international element.

Renato is known for acting in multi-party cases involving offshore trusts, and he advises trustees in connection with family proceedings in London. He also advises on cross-jurisdictional pre- and post-nuptial agreements, and in relation to international children disputes.

Renato is recognised as a leading individual by Legal 500 and Chambers HNW and he is top ranked in Chambers 2017. He is a Fellow of the International Academy of Family Lawyers.

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Henry Mander TEP, Harneys, Cayman Islands

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Master TEP, Charles Russell Speechlys LLP, UK

He acts for some of the firm's largest private clients and heads the International Group of our Private Wealth Sector.

His international work is broadly based, but he is particularly known for his work with Middle Eastern and Russian clients, where he acts for many ruling family members and billionaires. His UK work includes acting for both entrepreneurial and landed estate clients.

Piers has extensive experience of providing joined up tax and immigration advice for clients looking to come to the UK under the Tier 1 (Investor) route, and works closely with our dedicated immigration team in this area. Piers is a Visiting Professor at the University of Law and a regular speaker in the UK and internationally on matters of private client interest.

Colin McKie QC TEP, Maples and Calder, Cayman Islands

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Alison Meek TEP, Harcus Sinclair LLP, UK

Alison is a partner in Harcus Sinclair’s contentious trust and estates team.

Her practice onshore and offshore involves a diverse range of disputes involving trusts and estates, from applications for Public Trustee v. Cooper approvals to issues involving breach of trust and disclosure of documents to probate disputes involving testamentary capacity issues and substantial 1975 Act claims. She is a trained and accredited mediator with ADR Chambers and accepts appointments as a mediator.

Alison has co-authored 'The Practitioner's Guide to Contentious Trusts and Estates' and is a co-editor of (and contributor to) 'International Trust Disputes' (published by OUP in 2012).

Alan Milgate TEP, Chair of STEP Cayman Islands, Cayman Islands

Alan is a Partner with the Cayman Islands firm and specialises in private client services including international trust structures, private trust companies and purpose trusts, estate planning and wealth management.

He advises on the establishment and ongoing administration of Cayman Islands trusts and companies including acting as a director of a number of private trust companies, other regulated entities and other client companies. Alan is a director of The R&H Trust Co. Ltd. and The Harbour.
Trust Co. Ltd., duly licensed Cayman Islands trust companies owned and operated by Rawlinson & Hunter in the Cayman Islands.

Alan has over 20 years of international experience in the financial services industry and joined the Cayman practice in December 1997. Prior to moving to Cayman, his career included experience with the taxation practice of Deloitte in Canada and audit and assurance services in Canada, New Zealand and the Cayman Islands. He is a qualified Chartered Accountant (Canada), Trust and Estate Practitioner (TEP) and a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) charter holder.

He is the Chairman of the Cayman Branch of STEP, Immediate Past-Chairman of the Cayman Chapter of AIMA and member of the Cayman Islands Institute of Professional Accountants.

Jonathan, GK Management, Cayman Islands

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Andrew Needham TEP, Sackville Bank and Trust Company Limited, Cayman Islands

Understanding the needs of and building a close and enduring relationship with clients and their advisors is a passion of Andrew Needham, Sackville Bank’s Deputy Managing Director. He considers it a hallmark of superior service, an integral element in developing and managing complex family structures on their behalf. It ensures a smooth transition.

Andrew has enjoyed working with ultra-high net worth clients for more than 25 years at all levels, administering complex trust structures using private trust companies, STAR, charitable and inheritance trusts, together with corporate entities registered in many jurisdictions.

Before joining Sackville Bank, Andrew was a director of CIBC Bank and Trust Company (Cayman) Limited, where he successfully managed a team of 45 staff and where he provided trust services for individuals and institutions.

He holds a Bachelor of Science (Honours) from the University of Manchester and is a qualified Associate of the Chartered Institute of Bankers, is a qualified Trust and Estate practitioner and is on the CityWealth Leaders list, a member of the STEP Cayman Committee and is past president of the Cayman Islands Bankers Association’s Education Committee.

Marcus Parker, Summit Trust Cayman, Cayman Islands
Marcus is the Managing Director of Summit Trust Cayman and has over 20 years of experience acting as a trustee in the Cayman Islands and in the UK and is a former UK tax and trust lawyer. Marcus and Summit specialise in acting as a replacement trustee of "troubled" trusts which are in the throes of actual or potential litigation and where there are beneficiary disputes. Marcus has been described as "an absolute pro and a pleasure to work with".

Anthony Poulton, Baker McKenzie, UK

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Roger Priaulx, Genesis Trust & Corporate Services Ltd, Cayman Islands

Roger Priaulx qualified as a solicitor in 1998 whilst working at Linklaters in London. After working for Linklaters in Hong Kong, he joined Walkers in the Cayman Islands and was admitted as an attorney of the Cayman Islands in 2003. In 2005, Roger joined Close Brothers (Cayman) Limited, a subsidiary of Close Brothers Group plc, as in house counsel and he was appointed a director in 2007. He joined Genesis Trust & Corporate Services Ltd. ("Genesis Trust") in May 2010 as a director and is responsible for the management and administration of the director and trustee services provided by Genesis Trust.

He was elected to the Cayman Islands STEP Council in June 2010 and appointed Vice Chairman in 2015.

James Price, Stewarts Law LLP, UK

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Rachael Reynolds, Ogier, Cayman Islands

Rachael Reynolds is Ogier's Head of Dispute Resolution for the Caribbean and Asia. Rachael has particular expertise in international trust disputes and regularly appears in court as an advocate. Prior to joining Ogier Rachael was with Clyde & Co, London. She is an Oxford graduate and the directories describe her as “[a] real powerhouse; she is intellectually first class and has a keen eye for detail combined with a highly developed commercial instinct” and she is included in the Citywealth Leaders List and the Legal Week Private Client Global Elite list of the leading trust advisers.
Shân is one of the foremost Queen's Counsel practising in the field of wealth structuring today. She has an international practice which takes her around the world advising and litigating in relation to trusts, estates and other forms of private wealth protection. Shan has been involved in many of the leading cases in this area in jurisdictions as various as, for example, Bermuda, the BVI and Hong Kong as well as Cayman and England and Wales. She is equally at home advising trustees, beneficiaries, protectors or enforcers on non-contentious issues as those requiring court intervention and has been described as "the ultimate client barrister."
Shelley's trusts litigation practice has involved acting for trustees, enforcers and beneficiaries in contentious trusts matters involving Japanese, Jersey, BVI and New York elements. Her cases have included Unit Trust disputes; litigation with enforcers; contested applications for Beddoo relief; the disputed removal of a beneficiary on divorce from settlor; contentious probate matters (challenges to wills, testamentary capacity and proceedings against executors); a challenge to a deed of variation for failure to comply with formal requirements; and advising on rectification, challenges to trustee decision making, applications for documents from trustees, enforcement against assets in a trust and drafting of indemnity clauses.