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SPEAKERS



Daren Allen
Partner | Shoosmiths

Daren Allen is a Partner in the Dispute Resolution and Litigation team and has over 30 years' experience in acting for financial institutions, large corporations, Governments and individuals in relation to complex investigations, litigation, regulatory enforcement proceedings and legal and regulatory compliance.

He is ranked as a leading individual for Banking litigation: Investment and Retail Banks in the Legal 500 for 2025 which states: 'Daren is on top of his game: commercially savvy, unimpeachable on the law, and with great client skills'. According to Chambers and Partners UK 'Daren is extremely professional, able to quickly grasp situations and hit the ground running. Very knowledgeable and really understands the area'.



Alberto Araujo
Merchant Risk Operations Manager | Airwallex

As a Senior Fraud & Risk Operations Investigator, Alberto Araujo brings over 10 years of experience in fraud prevention, detection, and complex investigations across financial services and technology. At Stripe, he spent the last 4 years identifying and stopping high-impact fraud, helping protect users and saving the company millions.

Alberto serves as a President of the ACFE Ireland Chapter, where he helps shape industry standards and best practices in fraud prevention and risk management. He is a Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE) with a background in cybersecurity and a degree in data science. Alberto's strengths lie in fraud risk, operations, financial crimes and data analysis, and he is passionate about using data and AI to build scalable, proactive fraud prevention strategies that stay ahead of evolving threats.



Lior Kostas
CEO | Digilog

Lior Kostas is a world-leading expert in Voice Risk Analysis (VRA) technology, contributing to its development since 1997 and helping advance the latest integrated system, Digital Intelligence Voice Analysis (DiVA). He has applied VRA across international fraud investigations and complex criminal cases, working with corporate and public organisations worldwide, including police and security services in the UK, US, EU, China, Singapore, Brazil, and Colombia.

Appointed CEO of Digilog UK in 2011, Lior previously led the company's growth in financial services and the public sector. He holds a Postgraduate Fraud Management qualification from the University of Liverpool in partnership with ACFTech.



Michael Lastovskiy
Founder and CEO | NEO Forensics

Michael Lastovskiy is the founder and chief executive officer of Neo Forensics, an international investigations and forensic advisory firm. He leads complex fraud investigations, cross-border asset tracing matters, and high-stakes dispute support.

As a Certified Fraud Examiner, he has directed multi-jurisdictional cases involving financial misconduct and asset recovery, working closely with legal teams and premier law enforcement authorities. Michael is particularly known for his strength in investigative interviewing, influencing, and deception detection, bringing clarity and structure to sensitive matters where evidence integrity is critical.



Ben Marino
Senior Video Journalist | Financial Times

Ben Marino is a senior producer with the Financial Times who has been based in Hong Kong, Beijing, New York and London during his time with it.

Ben lived in China for close to 7 years where he chronicled Beijing's rise as an economic and diplomatic superpower. While based in Asia he reported on the civil war in Myanmar, corruption in Cambodia, and investigated illicit trafficking in the Golden Triangle. In 2016 he was assigned to FT's New York bureau where he covered the US presidential election, economic collapse in Venezuela, hyperinflation in Argentina, and the migration crisis in Central America. His films often focus on the intersection between illicit economies and national security. He has interviewed contract killers in Caracas, political dissidents in China, human traffickers in Mexico, and former intelligence operatives in Washington DC. His reporting has also included in-depth coverage of the proliferation of 'crime-as-a-service' technology, Italian organized crime, and corruption within the Vatican. His investigative work on Chinese money laundering syndicates was shortlisted by both the British Press Awards and the DIG Awards in 2025. He has advised banks on money laundering and briefed telco security executives on the black market in spyware.

Before joining the FT, Ben worked for the American Chamber of Commerce in Beijing and was a video correspondent and producer for the Associated Press in Shanghai, London and Rome. A native of Scotland, he speaks in Italian, French, Spanish and conversational Mandarin Chinese.



Yamini Patel
Independent Investigations and Integrity Specialist

Yamini Patel is an independent investigations and integrity specialist with over 20 years' experience supporting global organisations, financial institutions, and senior leaders on complex, high-risk matters.

She advises organisations on the prevention, detection and investigation of fraud, misconduct, ethics, and Code of Conduct breaches, bringing sound judgement, independence, and discretion to sensitive situations. Yamini regularly works with senior stakeholders and boards, providing practical guidance on investigation strategy, multijurisdictional case management, and embedding training, development and frameworks that safeguard organisational integrity.



Ollie Shaw
Commander | City of London Police

Ollie Shaw serves within the City of London Police's national fraud and cyber-crime command, with specific responsibilities for police reform.

In his previous role, Ollie headed up Action Fraud, overseeing day-to-day operations and supporting a major government programme to deliver a next generation service. He was also the force's lead for AI and related technologies.

Ollie has been in policing for over two decades, serving in a variety of uniformed and detective roles. During this time, he has supported many of the force's major policing operations including the 7/7 London bombings, 2011 London Riots and the Fishmongers' Hall Attack.



Erin Sims
Consulting Director | RSM UK Consulting

Erin Sims is a Consulting Director at RSM UK Consulting and has spent her career working in fraud prevention and detection. She works with a wide range of organisations to assess and strengthen their approaches to fraud risk and governance, with whistleblowing arrangements forming a key element of effective fraud risk management and ethical culture frameworks.

Erin has been supporting organisations in strengthening their whistleblowing and wider fraud risk frameworks in response to the introduction of the new "failure to prevent fraud" offence under the Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Act 2023.



Martin Swain
Executive Director | Companies House

Martin Swain joined Companies House in 2019 having spent most of his career working for the Welsh Government in various policy roles including economic development and inward investment, public health, education and social policy in relation to children and families. His last role in Welsh Government was Deputy Director for Community Safety leading on the Welsh Government's approach to crime, justice, civil contingencies and emergency planning.

Since joining Companies House, Martin has led on strategy, policy and communications, and in January 2023 become Director for Intelligence and Law Enforcement, leading on the organisation's contribution to tackling economic crime. Martin is also the Board lead on environmental priorities.

Martin has also been elected to the Executive Committee of the Corporate Registers Forum in October 2025 for a 2-year term. Martin has an MBA with a focus on innovation and organisational culture. He is also a Welsh learner.