

GUERNSEY AGENDA: THURSDAY 2 JULY

MOURANT TRUSTS & PRIVATE WEALTH FORUM 2026 GUERNSEY

From Control to Continuity:
Governing Family Wealth
Across Generations



TIME	SESSION	SPEAKERS
9:00am - 9:35am	Registration and Coffee	
9:35am - 9:40am	CHAIR'S OPENING REMARKS	Gilly Kennedy-Smith - Partner, International Trusts and Private Client, Mourant
9:40am - 10:20am	CASE UPDATE AND THE LATEST IN CHANNEL ISLANDS LAW What is happening in the courts and what legislative updates do you need to be aware of.	Christopher Edwards - Partner, Litigation, Mourant
10:20am - 11:00am	FAMILY GOVERNANCE AND 'HARD CONVERSATIONS' There is growing recognition that human dynamics, rather than tax, pose the greatest risk to successful succession. This discussion will explore how families can approach difficult conversations, manage differing expectations, and put governance structures in place to support long term continuity.	Benjamin Manchak - Counsel, Litigation, Mourant Scott McPherson - Director, Trust & Corporate, Oak Group Edward Birrell - Partner, Charles Russell Speechleys
11:00am - 11:25am	Coffee Break	
11:25am - 12:05pm	SUCCESSION OF OPERATING BUSINESSES: CONTROL WITHOUT CLARITY, DEVELOPING LEADERSHIP Within private family wealth structures, unclear control and governance, combined with reluctance to relinquish influence, can turn business succession into emotionally charged disputes over stewardship, legacy and family harmony.	Abel Lyall - Partner, Litigation, Mourant Mark Savage - Tax Director, BDO Zac Hanley - Associate Director, Saffery Trust

12:05pm -
12:45pm

TRIGGER EVENTS: DIVORCE AND DEATH

How divorce and death activate complex legal risks across trusts, estates, and family structures, and the strategies lawyers use to protect wealth and avoid conflict.

Sandra Duerden - Partner, Litigation, Mourant
Gillian Ralston Jordan - Partner and Head of the Family Office Guernsey, Corient
Lucy Stewart-Gould - Partner, Stewarts
Luke Richardson - Counsel, Dispute Resolution, Baker McKenzie

12:45pm -
1:45pm

Lunch

1:45pm -
2:25pm

**GLOBAL CHANGE, LOCAL IMPACT:
A FIRESIDE CHAT ON PRIVATE WEALTH IN GUERNSEY**

Gilly Kennedy-Smith hosts leading private wealth specialists, from Guernsey and beyond, to explore the impact of recent global developments on clients, already emerging market trends, and the 2026 H2 outlook for the private wealth industry in Guernsey.

Gilly Kennedy-Smith - Partner, International Trusts and Private Client, Mourant
Stella Mitchell-Voisin - International Chief Executive Officer, Summit Trust
Paul Hodgson - Non-Executive Chairman, Praxis
Melanie Griffiths - Client Advisor in the UBS Global Wealth Management team

2:25pm -
3:05pm

THE PERMANENT EVIDENCE PROBLEM

Has transparency made private wealth more litigable?

Jeremy Wessels - Partner, Litigation, Mourant

3:05pm -
3:30pm

Coffee Break

3:30pm -
4:10pm

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Sally Gunnell OBE - Olympic gold medallist

4:10pm -
4:20pm

CHAIR'S CLOSING REMARKS

Gilly Kennedy-Smith - Partner, International Trusts and Private Client, Mourant

4:20pm -
6:30pm

Drinks and Canapés Reception



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