

**The 6th Annual IFSEA International Conference on
Risk, Reward and Reputation Management Issues for Senior Executives & Founders**

Tuesday, 17 June 2025, 8.00 am – 6.00 pm (Closing Drinks 6.00-7.30pm)

Welcome Evening Drinks Reception: Monday, 16 June 2025, 6.00 pm – 8.30 pm

Venue: Saddlers' Hall, 40 Gutter Lane, London EC2V 6BR

Registration for the 6th Annual IFSEA Conference is open – register to [secure your place!](#)

IFSEA 2025 Conference Programme

Keynote speaker: Matthew Syed



Our IFSEA 2025 keynote speaker is best-selling author, award-winning broadcaster and journalist, and international thought leader on leadership, growth mindset and high performance, [Matthew Syed](#).

A former top-ranked table tennis player for England and a two-time Olympian, Matthew is celebrated for his insightful perspectives on mindset and cultural change. His bestselling books, including *Bounce*, *Black Box Thinking* and *Rebel Ideas*, explore the critical role of mindset in achieving high performance and innovation. We are delighted to have Matthew join us at IFSEA 2025!

Monday 16 June 2025	
18.00-20.30	Welcome Evening Drinks Reception
Tuesday 17 June 2025	
08.00-08.30	Registration and Breakfast
08.30-09.20	Opening Plenary Session
	The Investigator's Dilemma: Balancing Complexity, Conflicts, and Human Drama in High-Stakes Cases
09.20-09.30	Welcome address
09.30-10.30	Plenary Session
	Who Would Lead? Tackling Burnout, Risk and the Reluctance of Future Leaders in an Era of Disposable Leadership

	Breakout Sessions
10.30-11.15	<p>Navigating Reverse Discrimination: Addressing Concerns of Those Who Feel Diversity Targets are Working Against Them</p> <p>GC Focus: Too Close for Comfort? Balancing Pressures, Expectations, and Ethics for In-House Counsel</p>
11.15-11.35	Coffee Break
	Breakout Sessions
11.35-12.15	<p>Breaking the Silence: "Everyone knew but no one did anything" - Tackling Workplace Harassment and Bullying, and Ineffective Regulations</p> <p>Founder Fallouts: Navigating Board Firings and Crisis Management</p>
	Breakout Sessions
12.20-13.00	<p>Handling Scandals Across Borders: Navigating HR Challenges and Crisis Management</p> <p>Reevaluating Retirement: The Case For and Against Mandatory Ages in Professional Partnerships</p>
13.00-14.00	Lunch Break
13.30-14.00	Lunch & Learn Discussion
	Afternoon Plenary Session
14.00-14.30	PR and the Hidden Circles of Power and Influence
	Breakout Sessions
14.35-15.15	<p>Shielding Your Team: Enhancing Safety and Security in the Modern Workplace: what more should you do to shield your people from physical violence and online harm, and how do you prepare for the potential aftermath?</p> <p>Dad Shift: Global Trends in Parental Leave and Their Impact on Work and Family Life</p>

15.15-15.55	Breakout Sessions
	Leading Through Strikes: Executive Strategies for Union Engagement Private Equity in Professional Services: Strategic Insights for Firm Owners
16.00-16.45	Afternoon Plenary Session
	Keynote Speaker – Matthew Syed Best-selling author, award-winning broadcaster and journalist, podcaster and international thought leader on leadership, growth mindset and high performance.
16.45–17.10	Coffee & Drinks Break
17.10–17.55	Closing Plenary Session
	Ethical Leadership in Turbulent Times: Navigating Authoritarianism, Geopolitical Upheaval, and Economic Challenges (<i>Samoan Circle Debate</i>)
18.00-19.30	Closing Remarks Evening Drinks Event

Please note: All timings and speakers are subject to change

Conference Registration

IFSEA Conference Registration fees are as follows:

- Standard Registration Fee for Non-IFSEA Members: £395 plus VAT
- IFSEA Members & Speakers: £295 plus VAT
- In-house Counsel & HR Professionals: registration fee waived

Please register your place for the conference [here](#) or [download the application form](#).

Confirmed Speakers so far (more to follow shortly!):

[Merrill April, CM Murray LLP](#) (UK)

[Emma Bartlett, CM Murray LLP](#) (UK)

[Persephone Bridgman-Baker, Carter-Ruck](#) (UK)

[Terese Connolly, Barnes & Thornburg](#) (Chicago, USA)

[Claire Dawson, BDBF](#) (UK)
[Anne Davies, Fisher Broyles](#) (UK)
[Carol Davis KC, Littleton](#) (UK)
[Lori L. Deem, Hughes Socol Piers Resnick & Dym, Ltd](#) (Chicago, USA)
[Kelly Dermody, Lief Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein](#) (California, USA)
[Ming Evans, Smiths Plc](#) (UK)
[David Fisher, CM Murray LLP](#) (UK)
[Gavin Foggo, Fox Williams](#) (UK)
[Veena Gopalakrishnan, Trilegal](#) (India)
[Atul Gupta, Trilegal](#) (India)
[Beth Hale, CM Murray LLP](#) (UK)
[James Hockin, Withers](#) (UK)
[Joydeep Hor, People and Culture Strategies](#) (Australia)
[Mathilde Houet-Weil, Weil et Associes](#) (France)
[Harry Jones, Polsinelli](#) (Texas, USA)
[Danny Kaufer, Borden Ladner Gervais LLP](#) (Canada)
[Emily Kaufer, Air Canada](#) (Canada)
[Wendi Lazar, C-Suite Strategies](#) (New York, USA)
[Nick Leale, CM Murray LLP](#) (UK)
[Natacha Lesellier, Flichy](#) (Paris)
[Brian MacDonough, Sherin & Lodgen](#) (Boston, USA)
[Camille Olsen, Seyfath Shaw](#) (Chicago & California, USA)
[Jennifer Platzkere Snyder, Dilworth Paxson](#) (Philadelphia/NY, USA)
[Kristen Prinz, The Prinz Law Firm](#) (Chicago, USA)
[Richard Reice, Sterlington](#) (New York, USA)
[Jessica Riggan, Rukin, Hyland & Riggan](#) (San Francisco, USA)
[Mark Risk, Mark Risk PC](#) (New York, USA)
[Andre Royer, Borden Ladner Gervais LLP](#) (Canada)
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[Amy Shulman, Outten & Golden](#) (New York, USA)
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