

2026 ACi Annual Symposium

The Evolving Investigator: Technology, Standards and Cross-Border Complexity



DATE	TIMES	VENUE	COST
Thursday 19 November 2026	08.30 registration 09.00 start · 17.30 networking	Fieldfisher London Riverbank House, 2 Swan Lane, EC4R 3TT	Early bird £249 / £349 General £299 / £399 In-house / external

REGISTER my-aci.com/event/2026-symposium

Compre: Simon Scales, ACi

PROGRAMME

8.30 – 8.55 *Arrival, registration, badging and tea/coffee*

08.55 – 09.00 **Symposium compere — opening** Simon Scales, Chief Education and Training Officer, ACi
5 min

09.00 – 09.05 **Fieldfisher — welcome address** Alexandra Underwood, Partner, Fieldfisher
5 min

09.05 – 09.35 **KEYNOTE** **Keynote address** Mrs Justice Joanna Smith
30 min

09.40 – 10.25 **SESSION 1 · PANEL** **How eDiscovery is changing investigations** Yamini Patel, Head of ACi UK
45 min

-  AI-assisted review — what's new? Alexandra Hulme, Partner, Fieldfisher
-  Emerging pressure and pain points
-  Heightened regulatory expectations for data governance James Grant CEDS, Senior Advisory Services Consultant, KLDISCOVERY
-  The explosion of new data sources
-  Q&A

10.25 – 11.00 *Coffee break*

11.00 – 11.45

45 min incl. Q&A

SESSION 2 · CASE STUDY

The use of AI tools in investigations

-  A worked example of how AI supports an investigation
-  Are investigations teams using AI — if so, what and how?
-  Real-world examples of AI adding value
-  What has gone wrong — war stories
-  Q&A

Basha Galvin, COO, ACi

Quinton Newcomb, Partner,
Fieldfisher

Erica Albertson, Director of AI
Transformation International,
Relativity

11.45 – 12.15

30 min

SESSION 3 · PRESENTATION

Challenges of investigations — survey report

-  Joint ACi / FRA survey results
-  Findings and takeaways
-  Q&A

Ash Sharma, Chief Strategy Officer,
ACi

Trevor Wiles, Partner, FRA

12.15 – 13.00

45 min

SESSION 4 · PANEL

Whistleblowing

-  Why we keep coming back to whistleblowing
-  Internal or external channels — for better or worse?
-  The trend towards reward schemes — good or bad?
-  The ACi and the Hush Line initiative
-  AI and whistleblower reports
-  Q&A

Brad McGrath, ACi ExCo

Natalie Quinlivan, Partner,
Fieldfisher

Consultant

Rob Greco, General Counsel,
SpeakUp

13.00 – 14.00

Lunch & networking — 60 minutes

14.00 – 14.30

30 min

SESSION 5 · FIRESIDE CHAT

Who is Justin Crump?

-  Intelligence and investigations — the good, the bad and the ugly
-  Why foresight is power, and why being in the room is key
-  Q&A

Simon Scales, Chief Education and
Training Officer, ACi

Justin Crump, Founder & CEO,
Sibylline

14.30 – 15.00

30 min

SESSION 6 · PANEL

Cross-border, cross-jurisdictional investigations

-  Ongoing challenges
-  Increased legal & regulatory complexity
-  Data remains a pain point
-  What could possibly go wrong — war stories
-  Q&A

Cheryl O'Shea, Head of APAC, ACi

Ian Lucas, Managing Director, Kroll

Benjamin Borsodi, Partner,
Schellenberg Wittmer

Alexandra Underwood, Partner,
Fieldfisher

15.00 – 15.45

Afternoon tea/coffee & networking

15.45 – 16.15

30 min

SESSION 7 · PANEL

Investigation standards

-  Why do they matter?
-  ACi progress with ISO 37008 and ISO 37012
-  Cii standards in the NGO sector
-  Q&A

ACi moderator (ExCo)

Alexandra Underwood, Partner,
Fieldfisher

David Wolfe, Senior Investigator, The
Global Fund

16.15 – 17.00

45 min

SESSION 8 • PANEL

Investigations — practical tips

-  Interviewing — top tips
-  Report writing — pain points
-  Body language analysis — fake science or legitimate tool?
-  Each panel member's best tip
-  Q&A

ACi moderator (ExCo)

Chris Bass, Head of Global Investigations, GSK

Stephen Storey, Group Ethics and Integrity Officer, Compass

17.00 – 17.30

30 min

SESSION 9 • INTERACTIVE DISCUSSION

The ACi in 2027

-  What would you like to see us deliver?
-  Establishing the ACi as the industry standard
-  Interactive Q&A
-  **2nd edition ACi Handbook launch**

ACi ExCo

17.30 Close — drinks & networking

SPONSORED
BY



KIDiscvery



Relativity

KROLL