



ACi 2026 Whistleblowing Forum

Where good intentions meet hard questions

 **Date**
15 October 2026

 **Venue**
Eversheds, 1 Wood Street,
London

 **Capacity**
80 delegates

8.30am Registration | 9.15am Start | 5.00pm Close | 5.10pm Drinks

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Time	Agenda Item
8.30am – 9.00am	Arrival, Registration & Badging
9.15am (15 mins)	ACi Welcome Address
9.30am – 10.00am (30 mins)	Keynote: Investigations – From Boardroom to Treasury Select Committee
10.00am – 10.45am (45 mins)	Learnings from When Whistleblowing Investigations Fail: Handling, Investigations and Consequence Management
10:45am - 11:00am (30mins)	 Comfort Break and Refreshments
11.00am – 12.00pm (60 mins)	Seminar: Inside Whistleblowing Investigations – Risks, Pitfalls & Employment Tribunal Scrutiny – a barrister’s perspective. Having acted in many of the UK’s leading whistleblowing cases, James has advised on investigations, challenged them in court, and cross-examined investigators on the quality of their work. Drawing on this unique experience, he will reveal the common mistakes that can undermine an investigation, what lawyers look for when testing the evidence, and the practical steps organisations can take to ensure their investigations are robust, fair and capable of withstanding scrutiny. Whether you commission, conduct or oversee workplace investigations, this session will provide invaluable insights to help you avoid costly pitfalls and strengthen your approach from the very beginning
12.00pm – 1.00pm	 Lunch Break
1.15pm – 1.30pm (15 mins)	Fireside Chat: Opening Conversation with Caroline Hunt Matthes – Independent International Human Rights Investigator, Author and Lecturer



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1.45pm – 2.45pm (60 mins)	Case Study Scenario: Pause. Rewind. Review. The Investigation Interview Debate This expert-led interactive session uses a recorded investigation scenario, played back to the audience, to examine the dynamics of interviewing vulnerable and complex whistleblowers. The discussion will explore behavioural responses, and the factors that influence the defensibility and effectiveness of investigative interviews.
2.45pm – 3.15pm	 Comfort Break and Refreshments
3.15pm – 4.15pm (60 mins)	Panel using Case Study Scenario: When the Investigation Becomes the Headline An interactive case study session with media, PR, legal and crisis management experts, debating how an internal whistleblowing investigation escalates into a full-scale reputational and political crisis. The session examines how organisations respond when investigations attract media attention, regulatory scrutiny and parliamentary oversight.
4.15pm – 5.00pm (45 mins)	Roundtable Activity: The Bias Factor – Challenging Assumptions in Whistleblowing Investigations Through a dynamic interactive roundtable session, attendees will explore how conscious and unconscious bias of the investigating team can influence whistleblowing investigations. Live polling will be used to gauge attendee views against a series of statements, before hearing from experts to see whether those views shift.
5.00pm	Closing Remarks
5.10pm – 7.00pm	 Post-event Drinks and Networking

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