

Demystifying Jersey for asset tracers

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Jersey

- Crown dependency
- Not part of UK or EU
- Separate jurisdiction: own parliament and courts
- Origins of Jersey law

Sources of information and pressure (other than through court process)

- Confidentiality (Tournier)
- Public Registry
- Register of Companies (Companies (Jersey) Law 1991) (companies, not partnerships, trusts or foundations)
- Register of Security Interests (Security Interests (Jersey) Law 2012)
- AG Notices:
 - Investigation of Fraud (Jersey) Law 1991
 - Criminal Justice (International Co-operation) (Jersey) Law 2001
- Tax Notices (TIEAs under the Taxation (Implementation) (Jersey) Law 2004)
- AML obligations and powers
- Jersey Financial Services Commission
- International cooperation

Sources of information and pressure: court process

- Jersey Courts
 - Structure
 - Rules and procedure
 - Jurisdiction (Solvalub Ltd v Match Investments Ltd 1996 JLR 361)
 - Forum (Spiliada v Cansulex)
 - Costs and funding (not CFAs)

Sources of information and pressure: court process

- Information-gathering
 - Pre-action disclosure and Norwich Pharmacal (Macdoel Brazil 2007 JLR 201)
 - Search and seize: Anton Piller Orders
 - Mareva and disclosure orders (American Cyanamid Co v Ethicon Ltd 1975 AC 396)
 - Discovery (Peruvian Guano test)
 - Letters rogatory (Service of Process and Taking of Evidence (Jersey) Law 1960)
 - Insolvency: foreign trustees in bankruptcy

Causes of action

- Contract
- Fraud (dol)
- Knowing receipt
- Dishonest assistance (Nolan v Minerva Trust Co Ltd 2014 (2) JLR 117)
- Restitution on basis of unjust enrichment (In re Esteem Settlement 2002 JLR 53)
- Insolvency: transactions at an undervalue, preferences, wrongful/fraudulent trading
- Pauline action (In re Esteem Settlement 2002 JLR 53)

Remedies

- Constructive trusts (In re Esteem)
 - Tracing (Brazil v Durant Intl Corpn (Jersey) Ltd 2015 UKPC
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 - Inferences (Lloyds v Fragoso 2013 JRC 211)
- Damages
- Giving an account
- Transfer of assets
- Specific performance
- Injunctions
- Declarations

Limitation

- Contract and generally for the recovery of movables: 10 yrs
- Tort, breach of trust and dishonest assistance: 3 yrs
- Recovery of trust property from a trustee: no limitation period
- N.b. empêchement de fait/droit

Enforcement

- Registration: Judgments (Reciprocal Enforcement) (Jersey) Law 1960
- Post-judgment freezing and disclosure relief (Apricus Investments v CIS Emerging Growth 2003 JLR N40)
- Realise assets, arrest on wages, secure debt on immovables
- Inherent jurisdiction (Brunei Investment Agency v Fidelis 2008 JLR 337 n.b. Dicey & Morris)
- But Art. 9 Trusts (Jersey) Law 1984
- Civil Asset Recovery (International Co-operation) (Jersey)
 Law 2007
- Arbitration awards: Arbitration (Jersey) Law 1998

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