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Who am I?

I am a self-employed barrister at 2 King's Bench Walk. I accept instructions from firms of solicitors, local authorities, government organisations, and from individuals under the Direct Access Scheme.

For the purposes of the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA) and the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), the clerking team of 2 King's Bench Walk will handle most instructions in my name. If you have any questions about how your personal data is handled, please do not hesitate to contact me through the clerks.

How the law protects you

Your privacy is protected by law. This privacy statement is intended to set out how this works. The law says that I can use your personal information only if I have a proper reason to do so. On occasions, this will include sharing it with other barristers both inside and outside of Chambers. In order to do so, I must have one or more of the following reasons:

- i. When you consent to it;
- ii. To fulfil a contractual obligation I have with you;
- iii. When it is my duty to; and
- iv. When it is my legitimate interest.

During any business with me it is likely that I will receive what is known as 'special data' on you. This includes information on racial/ethnic background, sexual orientation, religious beliefs, health data and criminal records (both allegations and convictions).

By instructing me, it is necessary that you consent to me processing any personal data to which you provide me.

How I use your personal information

As a barrister, I will use personal data provided to represent you in the case in which I am instructed. This can include the preparation of a case, drafting an advice, or legal documentation, and representing you at a hearing in court.

What sort of data will I handle?

The type of material I frequently receive include:

1. Personal contact details, such as names, addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, passport and identity documents and employment details.
2. Applications for orders.
3. Witness statements.
4. Exhibits (e.g. photographs, phone downloads, medical records, letters from third parties, forensic reports, and financial records).
5. Details of allegations made and previous convictions.
6. CCTV and audio files, police interviews, phone downloads, body-worn camera footage.
7. Reports from social services, police reports and reports from professional experts.

Who will I share your information with?

If instructed, my clerks are my data processors. They will take receipt of most of the material sent to me and they will store it securely on Lex. I will be able to access this data. Physical data (e.g. papers or disks) will also be received by the clerks and will be locked in Chambers. On occasions, I will have to take this home to work on, but the material will remain locked away.

There may be occasions where data (as part of a case on which I am instructed) will have to be shared with other members of 2 King's Bench Walk, or with other chambers if I am unable to cover a particular hearing. This will only be done with the consent of the instructing individual, or body.

If you choose not to give personal information

You can choose not to give me personal information. This may prevent me from fulfilling my contract with you, or doing what I am professionally obliged to do. It may mean that I have to withdraw from representing you.

You can withdraw your consent to me handling your personal data at any time by contacting my clerks.

How to obtain a copy of your personal data

You can get a copy of the personal information I hold on you by contacting my clerks.

Document retention

Once a case concludes, I will return papers I have been provided to those who have instructed me, otherwise, if requested to do so, I shall dispose of the papers securely. I am professionally obliged to retain documents I generate during a case for a minimum of seven years. After this, I will dispose of them by securely shredding papers, and by securely wiping electronic data.

This privacy statement is regularly updated. It was last updated on 24 June 2025.