

Lauren Matthews - Privacy Policy

Who am I?

I am a self-employed pupil barrister at 2 King's Bench Walk. I accept instructions from firms of solicitors and government bodies (such as the Crown Prosecution Service).

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

How does the law protect you?

Your privacy is protected by law. This page 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 occasion 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:

1. To fulfill a contract I have with you
2. When it is my legal duty to
3. When it is in my legitimate interest
4. When you consent to it

In the course of 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 conviction and allegations).

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

How will I use your personal information?

As a pupil barrister, I will use personal data provided to represent you in the case I have been instructed in. This can include the preparation of a case, drafting of an advice and representing you at a trial.

What sort of data will I handle??

My practice is predominantly criminal law. The sort of material I will frequently receive includes:

- Witness statements
- Exhibits (e.g scene photographs, phone downloads, forensic reports)
- Details of previous convictions of individuals
- Discs of CCTV, police interviews, phone downloads

Who will your information be shared with?

If instructed, my clerks are my data processors. They will take receipt of most material I am sent and is stored securely on LEX. I will be able to access this data. Physical data (for example papers or discs) will also be received by the clerks and will be locked in chambers. On occasion, I will have to take this home to work on but the material will remain secured.

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

Can you choose not to provide personal information?

Yes, you can choose not to provide me with your personal information. You can withdraw your consent to me handling your personal data at any time. The best way to do this is by contacting my clerks.

However, it is important to note that 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.

How can you access a copy of your personal data?

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

How long will your information be stored?

On the conclusion of a case, I will return papers I have been provided by instructing bodies to those who have instructed me. I am professionally obliged to retain documents I generate in the course of a case for a minimum of seven years. After this point I will dispose of them; papers will be securely shredded, whilst electronic data will be securely wiped.

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