

Robin Hopkins KC

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Robin is a market-leading specialist in information law: data protection, privacy, platform disputes, data breaches, online safety, media and technology issues and freedom of information.

He is vastly experienced in complex and high-value data protection disputes, including compensation group litigation, regulatory enforcement actions, cyberattack and data breach responses, privacy and anti-hacking injunctions, contentious subject access requests and compliance challenges to data-driven business models. His cases have involved major multinationals, including Meta/Facebook, Experian, Google, TikTok, Ticketmaster, Skybet and Equifax.

Before taking silk, Robin was a consistently top-ranked data protection junior in the legal directories, and Legal 500 named him Technology, Data and Crypto Junior of the Year in 2024.

Robin has appeared in hundreds of information rights appeals (FOI and environmental information) and jointly runs 11KBW's Panopticon blog. He also has a judicial role in the Ecclesiastical Courts, as Commissary General (Chancellor) of the Diocese of Canterbury.



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Expertise

Recent cases

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RTM v Bonne Terre and Hestview

[2025] EWHC 111 (KB)

consent, direct marketing and cookies, gambling platforms

Experian v Information Commissioner

Major Tribunal appeal against a significant GDPR Enforcement Notice

R (AAA and others) v Secretary of State for the Home Department

[2023] EWCA CIV 745

Court of Appeal; data transfers in contact of Rwanda asylum programme

Lloyd v Google LLC

[2021] UKSC 50

class action claim against Google for alleged abuse of personal data.

DB v GMC

[2018] EWCA CIV 1497

Court of Appeal; mixed personal data

Harrison v Cameron and ACL

[2024] EWHC 1377 (KB)

A High Court claim for a data subject access request, concerning questions relating to the meaning of "controller" and the mixed personal data exemption (as a pupil, assisting Robin Hopkins).

Experian v Information Commissioner

[2024] UKUT 105 (AAC)

regulatory action against marketing business

Lloyd v Google LLC

[2021] UKSC 50

Supreme Court; loss of control damages; representative claims; acting for interveners

Scott v LGBT Foundation

[2020] EWHC 483 (QB), [2020] 4 WLR 62

oral disclosure of personal information

Ittihadieh v 5-11 Cheyne Gardens/Deer v Oxford University

[2017] EWCA CIV 121, [2017] 3 WLR 811

Court of Appeal; subject access; personal purposes; judicial discretion

Holyoake v CPC and Nicholas Candy

[2017] EWHC 52

subject access; surveillance; investigations; LPP

DBEIS v IC and Henney

[2017] EWCA CIV 844

Court of Appeal; meaning of environmental information

Edem v IC and FCA

[2014] EWCA CIV 92

Court of Appeal; definition of 'personal data'

Achievements

Appointments

Attorney General's Panel of Counsel (A Panel)

Commissary General, Diocese of Canterbury

News, Articles & Publications

Maintains and regularly contributes to 11KBW's **Panopticon** blog.

Education

Department of Health v Information Commissioner

[2017] EWCA CIV 374, [2017] 1 WLR 3330

Court of Appeal; freedom of information; ministerial diaries

R (Catt) and R (T) v Commissioner of Police for the Metropolis and Others

[2015] UKSC 9

Supreme Court; application of Article 8 ECHR and the DPA to policing information

Rhodes Scholar (South African College School, 2001)

City University, London: Graduate Diploma in Law (Distinction)

Oxford University: BA (PPE); Master of Studies (Philosophical Theology)

University of Cape Town: Bachelor of Business Science (Finance)

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I have no hesitation putting Robin in front of even the most challenging of clients – he is sure-footed, immensely commercial and pragmatic and focuses on the answers that a client needs, rather than feeling the obligation to show off the breadth of his knowledge.

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Robin is a standout junior in a set and an area of law with many excellent barristers

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He is bright, willing to argue his corner, and happy to debate points of law

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Robin balances gravitas with approachability, and is able to cut through the noise to identify what really matters in a case.

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He is just brilliant. For a barrister's view on any issue going to court, he gives the most helpful input and feedback.

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A superstar junior with sense well beyond his years.

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He is superb all around and always a real pleasure to work with. He makes the job easier.

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He has a wonderful manner with clients, a great way of presenting complex issues in a clear and simple manner, and is a real team player.

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