

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.



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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Expertise

Public

Robin's public law practice often encompasses privacy issues. Most recently, he has acted – alongside Lord Pannick KC and Sir James Eadie KC – in the judicial review challenges to the government's immigration arrangements with Rwanda. His experience in public law matters also includes **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).

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

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 wonderful to work with, excellent with clients, and almost always persuades the judge or panel and is successful.

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

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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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