

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

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Expertise

Information, Technology & Media

Robin has vast experience in all aspects of data protection, spanning contentious and advisory work. He regularly leads responses to data protection group actions and ICO enforcement matters. He works with clients on issues ranging from social media and apps, artificial intelligence, data-sharing, anti-hacking injunctions adtech and marketing, subject access and erasure disputes. He has appeared in numerous leading data protection cases, including Lloyd v Google (data protection compensation), RTM v Bonne Terre (marketing consents), Experian v ICO (marketing profiling), TikTok v ICO (age assurance measures) and DB v GMC (subject access).

Robin has also appeared in hundreds of appeals concerning FOIA and EIR matters, ranging from issues of commercial sensitivity to leading cases of legal principle, e.g. Department of Business and Trade v IC and Montague (Supreme Court; Brexit trade negotiations).



He is the best junior around for data protection and truly has no weaknesses in the area.

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Media & Privacy

Robin works extensively with both media and individual clients on privacy disputes in the context of news, online content and reputation management. He works with major national news publications and content hosts, and is experienced in right to be forgotten/take-down disputes.



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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)



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

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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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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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