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Tim practices in information law, public law, local government law, and employment law.

Information law is a fast-moving area of the law, where legal principles often struggle to catch up with technological and social change. Personal information is both a valuable asset and an essential tool when delivering public services; but its effective exploitation is a legal minefield. Tim has extensive experience in this field in which he is widely recognised to be a leading expert. Tim's knowledge and experience mean that he is ideally placed to advise organisations of all kinds, both in the private and public sector, about novel and complex problems relating to their use of information.

Tim combines his work in information law with a wider practice in public and employment law, having practised in both of these areas throughout his time at the Bar.



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Expertise

Employment

Tim has practised in employment law throughout his career, and is equally at home arguing a short point of law in the Court of Appeal or conducting a fact-heavy Tribunal case about discrimination or whistleblowing. He has a particular interest in the law about employment vetting and monitoring, and was involved in the leading Supreme Court case about CRB disclosure.

Recent work includes:

- Acting for a University in a discrimination claim brought by a current employee
- Advising and acting for a public authority in a multi-party case under the Transfer of Undertakings Regulations
- Dealing with litigation arising out of the maintenance of an alleged industry blacklist

Achievements

News, Articles & Publications

Tim has contributed chapters to Computer Law (OUP, 2011), Media Law and Practice (OUP, 2009) and Judicial Review (Butterworths, 2010).

Education

Tim studied law at Oxford University (BA 1985, BCL 1986).

He was Vinerian Scholar in 1986.

Other

Tim was Visiting Professor of Information Law at Northumbria University (2007-2013).

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Outstanding intellectually and highly effective.

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Excellent client service, whether paid or pro bono

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Recommended for matters involving data protection; he knows that area of law back to front

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Persuasive and easy to work with

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A true expert and leading authority

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Encyclopaedic knowledge

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Always provides responsive and practical advice

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Outstanding data privacy and FOIA specialist

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