

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.



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

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Expertise

Local Government

Robin works in all aspects of local government law, with extensive experience in information rights matters in particular. Those include FOI and environmental disputes – often in commercial contexts – as well as data protection issues such as disclosure, retention and data- sharing. He appeared in the leading case on local authorities' retention of child protection information (**R (C) v Northumberland CC & ICO** [2015] EWHC 2134 (Admin)) and assets of community value (**Banner Homes v St Albans** [2018] EWCA Civ 1187).

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

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A superstar junior with sense well beyond his years.

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

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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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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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