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Summary

Jason is a former UK Government lawyer with over 25 years' experience in the Government (MoD and Foreign Office), regulatory and private sectors. His primary areas of expertise are in the communications and data management sectors with specific, and high level, experience within the national security context. Such matters include the security governance issues arising out of the use of communication and data tools (both hardware and software), managing regulatory risk in the technology sector, as well as advising communication service providers and businesses which are data driven to manage effectively the interface between Government, security and privacy.

Uniquely, given his background and experience, Jason has an in-depth understanding of national security more generally, how that can impact on businesses and how best to navigate through the consequential issues (e.g. the use of investigatory powers (lawful intercept and employee surveillance), data exploitation, human rights and the interface between cutting edge technologies, privacy and free speech).

Over and Above

Relevant Work Experience

- Advised a large satellite operator on compliance with interception of communications legislation across Europe.
- Advised a major UK telecommunications provider on protecting customers' human rights (such as privacy and freedom of expression rights) when providing communication services, including the lawful interception of communications.
- Advised a wide variety of operational teams across a range of UK Government Departments on all aspects of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 and subsequent legislation.
- Advised numerous overseas governments on their governance, compliance and regulatory structures in the national security and military environments. This included helping to draft new legislation, national guidance, policies and procedures.
- Advised a wide variety of businesses on best practice relating to information security and data protection, including those businesses operating in both heavily regulated jurisdictions and those jurisdictions with limited regulation as well as businesses working in high risk industries (energy and extractives).
- Advised a variety of technology start-ups on understanding the legal and regulatory issues within their market environment.
- Advised a number of large communications and data driven businesses to assess and manage the risks relating to their product development.
- Advised business end-users on how best to deploy and operate different technology solutions and platforms to ensure compliance with the relevant legal and regulatory regime.
- Advised businesses specialising in software tools/products/services for law enforcement and other investigatory agencies to ensure compliance with data and privacy obligations.
- Advised communication service providers on the creation, implementation, use and development of internal policies and procedures to ensure compliance with the relevant lawful intercept and communications data legislation.
- Advised businesses to ensure that employee and other personnel monitoring to deal with insider threat is compliant with GDPR and other data protection and privacy requirements.
- Advised a variety of businesses within the communications sector to manage their understanding of relevant national security issues and assist with any consequential interface with government.

Professional career

- 2019 – Barrister, Alden Legal
- 2012 – Founder & director, Praetor Legal
- 2003 – 2011 Legal Adviser, Foreign & Commonwealth Office
- 1997 – 2003 Legal Adviser, Ministry of Defence
- 1992 – 1997 Legal Adviser, Treasury Solicitor's Department
- 1991 – 1992 Pupil Barrister, Devereux Chambers and Cabinet Office

Education and qualifications

- Bar Course, Inns of Court School of Law
- LLM in EU Law, University of Leicester
- LLB in Law, University of Huddersfield
- Called to the Bar of England & Wales, 1990



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