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Summary

Moira has over 35 years' experience in the private, government, academic and third sectors including public and private sector board and governance advisory positions. Her primary areas of expertise are in interception of communications, surveillance and data exploitation and all aspects of the use of investigatory powers and the interface between cutting edge technologies and privacy. She advises governments and businesses on the legal and governance arising from the use of communications, data and surveillance technology, as well as advising businesses which are data driven to manage effectively their interface between Government.

Moira has a deep understanding of national security, both domestically and internationally, how that can impact on business and how such businesses might best navigate the interface.

Relevant Work Experience

- Member of policy team drafting original Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act.
- Advised numerous overseas jurisdictions on the drafting and practical implementation of interception of communications legislation and associated warrant regimes.
- Over ten years' membership of government working parties scrutinising potential use of intercept product in court proceedings.
- Devised and implemented lawful and ethical surveillance systems in a range of overseas jurisdictions.
- Advised major global telecoms provider on ethical implications of provision of overseas intercept capabilities.
- 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.
- Worked with security and policing sectors in a range of post conflict states and emerging democracies to bring internationally recognised human rights norms to the use of intrusive investigative powers, both overt and covert.
- 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 a large satellite operator on compliance with interception of communications legislation across Europe.
- 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 – Solicitor, Alden Legal
- 2012 – Founder & Director, Praetor Legal
- 2011 – 2013 General Counsel to a business intelligence consultancy
- 2009 – 2011 Strategy Adviser, Foreign & Commonwealth Office
- 2006 – 2009 Head of International, Crown Prosecution Service
- 1998 – 2006 Legal Adviser, Foreign & Commonwealth Office
- 1995 – 1998 Legal Adviser, Department of Trade & Industry
- 1981 – 1992 Private practice in Edinburgh and London

Education and qualifications

- Dip LP, University of Edinburgh
- LLB in Law, University of Edinburgh
- Admitted in England and Wales, 1992
- Admitted in Scotland, 1982