

Privacy Policy

PRIVACY POLICY OF:

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In order to provide legal advice and representation, I need to collect and hold personal information. This may be your personal data or information relating to other parties involved in the matter. I will take all possible steps to protect personal information. I will ensure that I do not do anything that may infringe your rights or undermine your trust. This privacy notice describes the information I collect about you, how it is used and shared, and your rights regarding it.

Data controller

I, Rebecca Covington, am a member of St Mary's, I am registered with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) as a Data Controller for the personal data that I hold and process as a barrister. My registered address is St Mary's, 32a Stoney Street, Nottingham, NG1 1LL and my ICO registration number is Z1663592. If you need to contact me about your data or this privacy notice, you can reach me at rebecca.covington@stmarysfamily.co.uk.

Data collection

The vast majority of the information that I hold about you is provided to or gathered by me in the course of your case and/or proceedings. Your solicitor and/or I will tell you why we need the information and how we will use it. On occasion I may also obtain information that is available publicly.

What data do I process about you?

I collect and process both personal data and special categories of personal data as defined in the GDPR. This may include:

- Name
- Email address
- Phone number
- Address
- Payment or bank details
- Date of birth
- Next of kin details
- Details pertaining to education and employment
- Information on your background & current circumstances
- Financial information

Where relevant, I may also need to process special category personal data that reveals your:

- Racial or ethnic origin
- Political opinions
- Religious and philosophical beliefs
- Trade union membership
- Genetic data
- Biometric data for the purpose of uniquely identifying a natural person
- Data concerning health
- Sex life and sexual orientation

On occasion, I may also process personal data relating to criminal convictions and offences.

My lawful basis for processing your information

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) requires all organisations that process personal data to have a lawful basis for doing so. The lawful bases identified in the GDPR that I seek to rely upon are as follows:

- **Consent of the data subject** – where this is required, I will ensure that I have your specific consent for processing your data.
- **Performance of a contract with the data subject or to take steps to enter into a contract.**
- **Compliance with a legal obligation** – to comply with various regulatory and professional obligations, e.g. filing tax returns with HMRC.
- **The legitimate interests of my business or a third party, except where such interests are overridden by the interests, rights or freedoms of the data subject.**

Examples of legitimate interests include:

- Where the data subject is a client or in the service of the controller;
- Provision of legal services and advice;
- Processing is necessary to ensure network and information security, including preventing unauthorised access;
- For purposes of practice management, accounting and debt recovery;
- For completion of professional regulatory requirements;
- Processing for direct marketing purposes, or to prevent fraud; and
- Reporting threats to public security.

Special category processing

I process special category data when:

1. I have your explicit consent to do so; or
2. It is necessary for the exercise or defence of legal claims or judicial acts.

Criminal data processing

On occasion, I process data relating to criminal offences where it is necessary for:

- The purpose of, or in connection with, any legal proceedings;
- The purpose of obtaining legal advice; or
- The purposes of establishing, exercising or defending legal rights.

I use your information to:

- Provide legal advice and representation;
- Assist in training other barristers, pupils and mini pupils;
- Investigate and address your concerns;
- To respond to complaints;
- Check for conflicts of interest in relation to future cases;
- To keep accounting and records and carry out office administration;
- Communicate with you about news, updated and events;
- To promote and market my services;
- Communicate legal updates and judgments to other legal professionals;
- Assist in any tendering or panel membership applications;
- Investigate or address legal proceedings relating to your use of my services, or as otherwise allowed by applicable law;
- Assist in any other applications for the purpose of professional development or career progression.
- Communicate legal updates and judgments to other legal professionals;
- For marketing purposes.
- For the management and administration of my practice
- To recover debt
- To manage complaints with regulators
- Communications with regulators
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I may share your personal data with:

- Instructing solicitors or other lawyers involved in your case;
- Legal representatives for other parties involved in your case;
- A barrister, pupil or mini pupil, under my training;
- Opposing legal representatives, for the purpose of resolving your cases;
- The management and staff of St. Mary's Chambers who provide administrative services;
- Expert witnesses and other witnesses
- My regulator or legal advisors in the event of a dispute or other legal matter arising;
- Law enforcement officials, government authorities, or other third parties to meet any legal obligations;
- Legal directories for the purpose of professional development;
- Any relevant panel or tendering committee, for the purpose of professional development;
- Accountants and banking officials;
- Courts, arbitrators or adjudicators in the ordinary course of proceedings;
- Regulators or arbitrators, where complaints or disputes arise;
- Any other party where I ask you for consent, and you consent, to the sharing.
- I may also be required to disclose your information to the Police or Intelligence services where required by law or pursuant to a court order

Transfers to third countries and international organisations

I may transfer personal information to legal representatives in third countries where those legal representatives have been instructed on the same matter as, or on a matter connect with, the matter on which I am instructed by you. The safeguards that apply are the legal and professional

obligations of those legal representatives and any relevant contractual terms in the agreement by which you have instructed such legal representatives.

I am satisfied that any such transferred data is fully protected and safe guarded as required by the General Data Protection Regulation.

Retention of personal information

I retain your personal data while you remain a client unless you ask me to delete it. My Retention and Disposal Policy (copy available on request) details how long I hold data for and how I dispose of it when it no longer needs to be held. I will delete or anonymise your personal information at your request unless:

- There is an unresolved issue, such as a claim or dispute;
- I am legally required to; or
- There are overriding legitimate business interests to do so.

I will typically retain case files for a period of years following the conclusion of a case/matter or receipt of final payment, whichever is the latest. This reflects the period required by the Bar Mutual Indemnity Fund relating to potential limitation periods.

I will typically retain case files concerning a child for 7 years from the client's 18th birthday when representing a minor or 21 years in the case of a client who does not have the capacity to litigate until the child has reached the age of 18 years.

Where various pleadings and documents have been drafted, they may be retained for learning purposes and legal research. Where this is the case, I will anonymise the personal information/redact information which may identify an individual/risk assess the continued retention of the documents.

Your rights

The UK GDPR gives you specific rights in terms of your personal data. For example, you have the right of access to the information I hold and what I use it for; you can ask for a copy of the personal information I hold about you.

You can ask me to correct any inaccuracies with the personal data I hold, and you can ask me to stop sending you direct mail or emails or, in some circumstances, ask me to stop processing your details.

Finally, if I do something irregular or improper with your personal data, you can complain to the ICO if you are unhappy with how I have processed your information or dealt with your query. You may also seek compensation for any distress you are caused or loss you have incurred.

You can find out more information from the ICO's website:
http://ico.org.uk/for_the_public/personal_information

Accessing and correcting your information

You may request access to, correction of, or a copy of your information by contacting me at dpo@stmarysfamily.co.uk

Marketing opt-outs

You may opt out of receiving emails and other messages from my practice by following the instructions in those messages.

I will occasionally update my privacy notice. When I make significant changes, I will notify you of these through either mail or email. I will also publish the updated notice on chambers website profile.