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Ross McKean has over 20 years' experience advising on data protection, privacy and cyber security law and co-chairs the UK data protection and cyber response practice. He advises clients across a wide range of sectors, notably those in the financial services, defense and technology sectors. Ross is an active member of the data protection committee of the International Regulatory Strategy Group and the Data Law Committee of the City of London Law Society.

- Intellectual Property and Technology

- Advising various global financial services institutions on cyber security and data breach preparedness and response including advising on GDPR, NISD, PSDII and other security requirements, policy drafting, table top exercises, notifications to regulators and affected individuals and defending regulatory enforcement actions and litigation.
- Advising numerous clients on the development of security policies to address the security requirements of GDPR and related laws across the EEA and globally, frequently engaging expert data protection and cyber counsel from across the DLA Piper global network to develop regional or global policies.
- Acting as standing counsel to support incident response for a leading global retail and investment bank, supporting the investigation, containment and remediation of incidents, advising on global notification requirements and advising on regulatory investigations.
- Advising a leading global investment and retail bank on their GDPR programme which has lasted more than 18 months (to date) with support provided by over 30 DLA Piper lawyers globally.
- Advising another leading global private wealth management and investment bank on their global GDPR programme over a similar period with a global team of DLA Piper lawyers.
- Advising one of the largest global defence businesses on its global GDPR readiness programme, leading an international team of DLA Piper lawyers.

## Professional Qualifications

- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales

## Prior Experience

- 2016 to date, DLA Piper
- 2012 to 2016, London based European technology law firm
- 1996 to 2012, International law firm

## Recognitions

- Individually ranked in Chambers for data protection (band 3) and outsourcing (band 2)

## Education

- Nottingham University, Law

## Additional accomplishments

Co-chairs the award winning DLA Piper data protection and cyber practice in the UK and was instrumental in the development of the global DLA Piper GDPR methodology and toolset. Ross and his team have advised on some of the largest and most complex GDPR programmes.

## INSIGHTS

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### Publications

#### **DLA Piper GDPR fines and data breach survey: January 2022**

18 January 2022

Data protection supervisory authorities across Europe have issued a total of nearly EUR1.1 billion (USD1.2 / GBP0.9 billion) in fines since 28 January 2021, according to international law firm DLA Piper.

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#### **GDPR Snapshot vlog series 2021: UK**

25 May 2021

GDPR Snapshot vlog series 2021

In this vlog, UK partners, Ross McKean and Andrew Dyson, explore the impact and challenges of GDPR in the UK.

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## **Boardroom Brexit: What the deal means for personal data and digital trade**

31 December 2020

Boardroom Brexit

The TCA allows personal data to transfer from the EU-UK, for a period of up to six months from 1 January 2021. This 'bridging' period is designed to allow the EU time needed to adopt a formal adequacy decision which will allow the continuing flow of personal data to the UK.

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## **Cybersecurity and data protection within the context of COVID-19 and the IoT**

14 September 2020

TechLaw Podcast

Episode 25 of our TechLaw Podcast Series features CEO and founder of Context IS, Mark Raeburn, discussing cybersecurity and data protection with one of our partners, Ross McKean. The recent findings from our European Technology Index 2020 highlighting the importance of the relationship between cybersecurity and IoT is a key focus.

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- Co-author of the International Regulatory Strategy Group's example GDPR processor terms, June 2017
- Brexit: Impact on data protection, November 2016
- Ross is a regular speaker on cyber security, incident response, GDPR and data protection.

[Events](#)

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## **DLA Piper GDPR Fines and Data Breach Survey 2022 - webinar**

20 January 2022  
Webinar

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## **EDPB recommendations for safeguarding data transfers after Schrems II**

19 November 2020  
Webinar

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