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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

Publications

The human factor in artificial intelligence

14 October 2022

The Bank of England (BoE) and the UK Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) have launched a joint discussion paper on how the UK regulators should approach the "safe and responsible" adoption of AI in financial services (FCA DP22/4 and BoE DP5/22) (the AI Discussion Paper).

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.

Lloyd v Google – Supreme Court Judgment – report and impacts on data protection and mass claims in the UK

10 November 2021

UK Supreme Court allowed Google's appeal against the Court of Appeal decision which had previously granted Mr Lloyd permission to serve his representative claim on Google in the United States. The judgment brings to an end to one of the most significant issues to come before the UK Courts concerning class actions and data protection regimes.

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.

DLA Piper GDPR fines and data breach survey: January 2021

19 January 2021

EUR272.5 million of fines have been imposed for a wide range of infringements of Europe's tough data protection laws according to international law firm DLA Piper. The figure is taken from the law firm's latest annual GDPR fines and data breach survey of the 27 European Union Member States plus the UK, Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein.

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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- 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

Previous

DLA Piper GDPR Fines and Data Breach Survey 2022 - webinar

20 January 2022

Webinar

DLA Piper GDPR fines and data breach survey launch 2021

21 January 2021

NEWS

European data regulators issued EUR1.1 billion (USD1.23bn/GBP0.9bn) in GDPR fines – a sevenfold year on year increase - survey by DLA Piper

18 January 2022

Nearly EUR1.1 billion (USD1.2 billion / GBP0.9 billion) of fines have been imposed for a wide range of infringements of Europe's General Data Protection Regulation.

EUR272.5m in fines imposed by European regulators under GDPR - Survey by international law firm DLA Piper

19 January 2021

EUR272.5 million (about USD332.4 million / GBP245.3 million) of fines have been imposed for a wide range of infringements of Europe's tough data protection laws according to international law firm DLA Piper.
