FIELD COURT

CHAMBERS

# Benedict Flinn

# Privacy Notice – UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR)

Please read the following information carefully. This privacy notice contains information about the information collected, stored, and otherwise processed about you and the reasons for the processing. It also tells you who I share this information with, the security mechanisms I have put in place to protect your data, and how to contact me if you need further information.

## Who am I?

My name is Benedict Flinn. Thank you for choosing to instruct me in your case. I will need to collect and hold your personal information to represent you. I will take all possible steps to protect your personal information. I am determined to do nothing that would 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, Benedict Flinn, am registered with the Information Commissioner's Office as a data controller for the personal data that I hold and process as a barrister. My registered address is Field Court Chambers, 5 Field Court, Gray's Inn, London, WC1R 5EF.

I collect, use, and am responsible for personal information about you. When I do this, I am the controller of this information for the purposes of the UK GDPR and the Data Protection Act 2018. All the information that I hold about you is provided to or gathered by me or those instructing 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.

If you need to contact me about your data or the processing carried out you can use the contact details at the end of this document.

## What do I do with your information?

### Information collected

When carrying out the provision of legal services or providing a reference I collect some, or all, of the following personal information that you provide:

a. personal details
b. family details
c. lifestyle and social circumstances
d. goods and services
e. financial details
f. education, training, and employment details
g. physical or mental health details
h. racial or ethnic origin
i. political opinions
j. religious, philosophical, or other beliefs
k. trade union membership
l. sex life or sexual orientation
m. genetic data
n. criminal proceedings, outcomes and sentences, and related security measures
o. other personal data relevant to instructions to provide legal services, including data specific to the instructions in question.

### Information collected from other sources

The same categories of information may also be obtained from third parties, such as other legal professionals or experts, members of the public, your family and friends, medical experts, witnesses, courts and other tribunals, investigators, government departments, regulators, and public records and registers.

## How I use your personal information

### Purposes

I may use your personal information for the following purposes:

i. to provide legal services to my clients, including the provision of legal advice and representation in courts, tribunals, arbitrations, and mediations
ii. to keep accounting records and carry out office administration
iii. to take or defend legal or regulatory proceedings or to exercise a lien
iv. to respond to potential complaints or make complaints
v. to check for potential conflicts of interest concerning future potential cases
vi. to promote and market my services
vii. to carry out anti-money laundering and terrorist financing checks
viii. to train others, other barristers, and when providing work-shadowing opportunities
ix. to respond to requests for references
x. to publish legal judgments and decisions of courts and tribunals
xi. as required or permitted by law.

**Whether information has to be provided by you, and why**

If I have been instructed by you or on your behalf on a case or if you have asked for a reference, your personal information has to be provided, to enable me to provide you with advice or representation or the reference, and to enable me to comply with my professional obligations, and to keep accounting records.

**The legal basis for processing your personal information**

I rely on the following as the lawful basis on which I collect and use your personal information.

- If you have consented to the processing of your personal information, then I may process your information for the purposes set out above to the extent to which you have consented me to do so.
- If you are a client, processing is necessary for the performance of a contract for legal services or to take steps at your request before entering into a contract.
- In relation to information which is in categories (g) to (o) above (these being categories which are considered to include particularly sensitive information and which include information about criminal convictions or proceedings), I rely on your consent for any processing for the purposes set out in purposes (ii), (iv), (vi), (viii), and (ix) above. I need your consent to carry out the processing of this data for these purposes. However, if you do not consent to processing for purposes (iv) and (ix) (responding to potential complaints and providing a reference), I will be unable to take your case or to provide a reference. This is because I need to be able to retain all the material about your case until there is no prospect of a complaint and to provide an informed and complete reference.
- In relation to information in categories (g) to (o) above (these being categories which are considered to be particularly sensitive information and include information about criminal convictions or proceedings), I am entitled by law to process the information where the processing is necessary for legal proceedings, legal advice, or otherwise for establishing, exercising, or defending legal rights.
- In relation to information which is not in categories (g) to (o) above, I rely on my legitimate interest and/or the legitimate interests of a third party in carrying out the processing for the purposes set out above.
- In certain circumstances processing may be necessary so I can comply with a legal obligation to which I am subject (including carrying out anti-money laundering or terrorist financing checks).
- The processing is necessary to publishing judgments or other decisions of courts or tribunals.

**Who will I share your personal information with?**

If you are a client, some of the information you provide will be protected by legal professional privilege unless, and until, the information becomes public in the course of any proceedings or otherwise. As a barrister I have an obligation to keep your information confidential, except where it otherwise becomes public or is disclosed as part of the case or proceedings.

It may be necessary to share your information with the following:

- data processors, such as my Chambers staff, IT support staff, email providers, and data storage providers
- other legal professionals
- experts and other witnesses
- prosecution authorities
- courts and tribunals
- the staff in my chambers
- trainee barristers
- lay clients
- family and associates of the person whose personal information I am processing
- in the event of complaints, the Head of Chambers, other members of Chambers who deal with complaints, the Bar Standards Board, and the Legal Ombudsman
- other regulatory authorities
- current, part, or prospective employers
- education and examining bodies
- business associates, professional advisers, and trade bodies, eg the Bar Council
- the intended recipient, where you have asked me to provide a reference.

I may be required to provide your information to regulators, such as the Bar Standards Board (BSB), the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA), or the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). In the case of the ICO, there is a risk that your information may lawfully be disclosed by them for the purpose of any other civil or criminal proceedings, without my consent or yours, which includes privileged information.

I may also be required to disclose your information to the police or intelligence services, where required or permitted by law.

**Sources of information**

The personal information I obtain may include information which has been obtained from:

- other legal professionals
- experts and other witnesses
- prosecution authorities
- courts and tribunals
- trainee barristers
- lay clients
- family and associates of the person whose personal information I am processing
- in the event of complaints, the Head of Chambers, other members of Chambers who deal with complaints, the Bar Standards Board, and the Legal Ombudsman
- other regulatory authorities
- current, part, or prospective employers
- education and examining bodies
- business associates, professional advisers, and trade bodies, eg the Bar Council
- the intended recipient, where you have asked me to provide a reference
- data processors, such as my Chambers staff, IT support staff, email providers, data

storage providers
- public sources, such as the press, public registers, and law reports.

**Transfer of your information outside the United Kingdom (UK)**

This privacy notice is of general application and as such it is not possible to state whether it will be necessary to transfer your information out the UK in any particular case or for a reference. However, if you reside outside the UK or your case or the role for which you require a reference involves persons or organisations or courts and tribunals outside the UK then it may be necessary to transfer some of your data to that country outside the UK for that purpose. If you are in a country outside the UK or if the instructions you provide come from outside the UK then it is inevitable that information will be transferred to those countries. If this applies to you and you wish additional precautions to be taken in respect of your information, please indicate this when providing initial instructions.

Some countries and organisations outside the UK are recognised under the UK GDPR to provide an adequate level of data protection. Most countries and territories have not been assessed by the UK to provide adequate protection. If your information has to be transferred outside the UK, then it may not have the same protections and you may not have the same rights as you would within the UK.

I may transfer your personal information to the following countries, which are located outside the UK.

- Cloud data storage services based in the USA who have agreed to comply with the EU-US Data Privacy Framework and UK Extension, in order to enable me to store your data and/or backup copies of your data so that I may access your data when I need to. The USA does not have the same data protection laws as the UK, but the EU-US Data Privacy Framework and UK Extension has been recognised by the European Commission and UK as providing adequate protection.
- Cloud data storage services based in countries recognised under the UK GDPR to provide adequate protection, including EU Member States, EEA Member States, and Switzerland, to enable me to store your data and/or backup copies of your data so that I may access your data when I need to.

If I decide to publish a judgment or other decision of a court or tribunal containing your information then this will be published to the world.

I will not otherwise transfer personal information outside the UK except as necessary for providing legal services or for any legal proceedings.

If you would like any further information, please use the contact details at the end of this document.

## How long will I store your personal data?

I will normally store all your information:

- until at least 1 year after the expiry of any relevant limitation period (which will usually

be 6 years, but may be 12 years, or longer where the case includes information relating to a minor), from the date of the last item of work carried out, the date of the last payment received or the date on which all outstanding payments are written off, whichever is the latest. This is because it may be needed for potential legal proceedings. At this point any further retention will be reviewed and the data will be marked for deletion or marked for retention for a further period. The latter retention period is likely to occur only where the information is needed for legal proceedings, regulatory matters, or active complaints. Deletion will be carried out (without further notice to you) as soon as reasonably practicable after the data is marked for deletion

- I will store some of your information, which I need to carry out conflict checks, for the rest of my career. However, this is likely to be limited to your name and contact details and the name of the case. For the avoidance of doubt this will not include any information within categories (g) to (o) above
- information related to anti-money laundering checks will be retained until 5 years after the completion of the transaction or the end of the business relationship, whichever is the latest
- names and contact details held for marketing purposes will be stored indefinitely or until I or my clerks become aware or are informed that the individual has ceased to be a potential client
- there will be some documentation that is not retained/stored for the periods set out above and is returned to any instructing solicitor, for example, trial bundles, hearing bundles, instructions, and hard copy papers. The instructing solicitors should have their own data retention policies.

## Consent

As explained above, I am relying on your explicit consent to process your information in categories (g) to (o) above. You provided this consent when you agreed that I would provide legal services/you asked me to provide a reference.

You have the right to withdraw this consent at any time, but this will not affect the lawfulness of any processing activity I have carried out before you withdrew your consent. However, where I also rely on other bases for processing your information, you may not be able to prevent the processing of your data. For example, if you have asked me to work for you and I have spent time on your case, you may owe me money which I will be entitled to claim.

If there is an issue with the processing of your information, please contact my clerks using the contact details at the end of this document.

## Your rights

Under the UK GDPR, you have various rights that you can exercise in certain circumstances. These are free of charge. In summary, you may have the right to:

- ask for access to your personal information and supplementary information
- ask for correction of mistakes in your data or to complete missing information I hold on you
- ask for your personal information to be erased in certain circumstances

- receive a copy of the personal information you have provided to me or have this information to be sent to a third party. This will be provided to you or the third party in a structured, commonly used, and machine-readable format, eg a Word file
- object at any time to the processing of your personal information for direct marketing
- object in certain other situations to the continued processing of your personal information
- restrict my processing of your personal information in certain circumstances
- request not to be the subject to automated decision-making which produces legal effects that concern you or affects you in a significant way.

If you want more information about your rights under the UK GDPR please see the guidance from the ICO on individual's rights under the UK GDPR. If you want to exercise any of these rights, please:

- use the contact details at the end of this document – I may need to ask you to provide other information so that you can be identified
- provide a contact address so that you can be contacted to request further information to verify your identity
- provide proof of your identity and address
- state the right(s) that you wish to exercise

I will respond to you within 1 month from when I receive your request.

## Marketing emails

I do not propose to include you in any marketing exercise and so will not add your email details to any marketing list I or my Chambers use without your express permission.

## How to make a complaint?

If you believe that I have mishandled your personal information or the personal information of someone you are acting on behalf of then you can make a complaint to me or my chambers. You can send your complaint to privacy@fieldcourt.co.uk. Chambers or I will acknowledge your complaint within 30 days and provide you with a copy of our complaints procedure. Also, the UK GDPR gives you the right to lodge a complaint with the ICO. The ICO can be contacted at https://ico.org.uk/concerns/.

## Future processing

I do not intend to process your personal information except for the reasons stated within this privacy notice. If this changes, this privacy notice will be amended and placed on my Chambers website under my name.

## Changes to this privacy notice

This privacy notice was published on 19 June 2026.

I continually review my privacy practices and may change this policy from time to time. When I do, it will be placed on the website.

## Contact details

If you have any questions about this privacy notice or the information I hold about you, please contact me or my clerks. The best way to contact me is to write to me at my Chambers address (or contact the Senior Clerk), as follows:

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