

Louis Browne QC

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Clerks' Details

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Appointments

- Recorder

Memberships

- Personal Injury Bar Association
- Professional Negligence Bar Association

Education

- First Class Honours Degree, Law
- Postgraduate Degree of Bachelor of Civil Law, Balliol College, Oxford

Data Breach and Privacy CV Overview

Louis is an immensely experienced practitioner, specialising in civil law.

He has a significant practice in the field of data breach claims for individuals and companies whom have had their personal and sensitive data breached by third parties.

Louis has advised the ICO and was recently instructed on a potential group action against Ticketmaster after a significant data breach was announced in June 2018.

Having developed a niche practice in “right to be forgotten” claims, Louis was recently instructed as Lead Counsel to represent a prominent figure in a claim against Google.

Louis has lectured widely in this field and is the author of a number of papers.

Louis has a First-Class Honours Degree in Law and the Postgraduate Degree of Bachelor of Civil Law, Balliol College Oxford.

He was called to the Bar in 1988 and began practising in 1992. He was appointed Treasury Counsel in 2000 and has remained on the Panel until he took Silk in 2017. He is now on the Government Silk Panel.

Louis is consistently recommended as a leading individual in The Legal 500 and Chambers and Partners. He is described in the Legal 500 2021 guide as “*Very hard working and immensely knowledgeable in his field*” and “*Recommended for data breach claims.*”. *Chambers and Partners 2021 say: “He cares deeply about his cases and is an excellent advocate.”*

Cases

Recent and ongoing recent cases include:

- Leading Counsel in group litigation relating to the Ticketmaster data breach.
- Leading Counsel in the group litigation relating to The British Airways data breach.
- Leading Counsel in Representative action against Equifax.
- Leading Counsel representing a national figure concerning breach of his personal data by a well-known public organisation. This resulted in a six-figure settlement.
- Leading Counsel representing a prominent figure in a claim for “right to be forgotten” and resulting economic losses against Google.
- Leading Counsel representing an employee in a claim against his employers for breach of data which led to him being “named and shamed” in the press which adversely impacted upon his professional reputation and standing.
- Leading Counsel representing a Senior Executive in a dispute with his employers concerning their compliance with his data protection rights and the resulting impact upon his terms of employment.
- Leading Counsel representing the victim of an organised crime group who was defrauded of a six-figure sum.
- Leading Counsel representing multiple claimants based across the world who have lost in excess of \$41million in crypto currency after the crypto exchange was hacked by third parties.
- Leading Counsel in Representative action against major leisure and holiday company as a result of major data breach of its employee’s data.
- Instructed by well-known organisation to defend a data breach claim pleaded at substantial value brought against it by a student.
- Advising Senior City employee in respect of Subject Access Request against his employer.
- Advising Senior Management Team in a financial institution in respect of serious breach of confidential/privacy causing substantial loss/breach of ECHR art.8.
- Representing well-known author/journalist, the subject of an international organised crime group who defrauded her.
- Advising a well-known public figure on breach of confidence claim – settled for substantial sum at a joint settlement meeting.

Recommendations

"He cares deeply about his cases and is an excellent advocate." **Chambers and Partners 2021**

"He cares deeply about his cases and is a pleasant advocate." **Chambers and Partners 2021**

"His strengths are: Excellent interpersonal skills. Patience. Very bright." **The Legal 500 2021**

"Very hard working and immensely knowledgeable in his field. He is approachable and easy going with clients. Meticulous attention to detail is apparent in his advocacy and written submissions. A very capable barrister, who is well regarded by his clients and is highly recommended." **The Legal 500 2021**

"Highly skilled barrister with excellent knowledge of his working area." **The Legal 500 2021**

"Recommended for data breach claims." **The Legal 500 2021**

"His attention to detail is second to none and he really understands complex medical evidence. He takes an excellent approach with factual professional witnesses which puts them at ease and allows him to quickly get to the heart of complex issues." **Chambers and Partners 2020**

"His ability to digest complex expert evidence is exceptional" **The Legal 500 2020**

"A strong advocate with good client care skills." **The Legal 500 2020**

"A fearsome opponent." **The Legal 500 2020**

"His legal acumen is first rate." **The Legal 500 2018/19**

"A combination of great legal acumen, tenacity and pragmatism." **The Legal 500 2018/19**

"A fierce and equitable advocate." **The Legal 500 2018/19**

"Very experienced across the spectrum of public law matters." **The Legal 500 2017**

"Highly experienced in personal injury matters." **The Legal 500 2017**

"A commanding advocate." **The Legal 500 2017**

“A strong negotiator with an excellent analytical ability.” **The Legal 500 2016**

“Highly experienced in judicial reviews.” **The Legal 500 2016**

“Mr Browne presented this difficult case with great clarity and skill.”

“...showed consummate professionalism throughout the hearing.”

“In accordance with the best traditions of government litigation and with a professionalism that brings credit to the Bar, Mr Browne drew our attention to the [academic] criticism that had been made of the decision upon which he relied.”