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### General Information

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Melissa specialises in privacy, data protection and information law. She is certified by the International Association of Privacy Professionals as an Information Privacy Professional in European Data Law (CIPP/E). Prior to becoming a barrister, she spent a number of years working as a news journalist in London and Moscow. As a result, she has considerable communication skills and brings a wealth of experience from her former career.

Melissa represents individuals, companies, and organisations in all areas of privacy litigation and regulation, including claims relating to privacy, confidence, defamation, data protection, freedom of information, harassment, contempt, and reporting restrictions. She maintains the blog: [www.privacylawbarrister.com](http://www.privacylawbarrister.com)

### Information/Privacy Law

- Advises on the merits of claims in libel, harassment, misuse of confidential information, breach of confidence, Freedom of Information (FOI), or Article 8;
- Advises on FOI subject access requests;
- Drafts of statements of case for such claims; and,
- Drafts pre-action protocol compliant letters for claims.

### Data Protection Law

- Reviews and amends data processor agreements, privacy notices, and other contracts to ensure compliance;
- Evaluates businesses data processes and policies;
- Advises and assesses the legal bases for processing;
- Advises on particular issues related to the GDPR, e-Privacy Regulation and other European Data Protection Law;
- Provides tailored presentations to companies or departments on specific data, or privacy, topics and issues.

### Human Rights

Melissa often advises on Article 8 ECHR and Article 10 ECHR in relation to privacy cases, and other Convention rights that arise in common law claims. She was part of the Ministry of Defence's Kenya Emergency Litigation Team and assisted in claims arising out of the Iraq War.

In 2010, she was an intern at the International Criminal Court for the Office of the Prosecutor, working on the prosecution of Kenyan government officials in relation to post-election violence. She has also undertaken a considerable amount of international pro bono work in cases involving political prisoners, torture, freedom of speech, election transparency, and human rights abuses.

Melissa is public access accredited and can be instructed directly by members of the public and companies in suitable cases.

## **Education & Qualifications**

IAPP Certified Information Privacy Professional in European Data Law 'CIPP/E'

BA Economic Studies, University of Manchester (First Class Honours)

MA International Conflict Studies, Kings College London (Merit)

Bar Professional Training Course, BPP London (Outstanding)

## **Academic Awards & Prizes**

Lincoln's Inn Lord Denning Scholar

Buchanan Prize

## **Memberships**

The International Association of Privacy Professionals

Human Rights Lawyers Association

Advocates for International Development

Bar Pro Bono Unit

The Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn

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