

Analytical Data Protection and Compliance professional with 14+ years' experience providing expert advice and governance frameworks. Leveraged a consultative approach to mitigate risk, reduce exposure and achieve compliance in international privacy law. True digital native with awareness of emerging developments in cloud architecture, AI, big data and Machine Learning used to pre-empt and mitigate risks to data protection and information rights. Gained exposure to advertising technology (Ad-Tech) in a consultancy capacity across diverse sectors, such as non-profit (Christ Embassy), media (Loveworld TV Networks) and Ad-Tech (including Match2One.com).

CORE COMPETENCIES

Data Protection Legislation ▪ Regulatory Compliance ▪ Risk Assessment and Mitigation
Legal Research ▪ Stakeholder Relations ▪ Negotiations ▪ Reporting ▪ Business Reviews
Training ▪ Data Mapping ▪ UK General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) ▪ Process Improvement
Policy Implementation ▪ Commercial Operations ▪ Compliance Frameworks ▪ Presentations

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND ACHIEVEMENTS

VARIOUS COMPANIES

Commercial Law and Data Protection Consultant

2016-Present

Deliver data protection counsel to diverse organisations, drafting internal policies to provide critical legal shelters. Manage responses to data protection matters as liaison between clients, stakeholders, and regulators. Play key role in data protection impact assessment protocols to embed consistency and compliance in data processing.

Key Contributions:

- Subject Matter Expert (SME) in GDPR and Data Protection Act 2018 – monitoring related trends, best practices, legislation, and client company implications.
- Spearheaded implementation of key GDPR elements, including data processing principles, data subjects' rights, data protection impact assessments, records processing, security, notifications, and data breaches communication.
- Contributed to robust data governance standards while facilitating data availability and integrity; assessed and defined data quality measures and enhanced data handling best practices.
- Delivered trusted legal advice and compliance management with a focus on data privacy and protection in complex and heavily regulated environments.
- In-depth knowledge encompassing impact of General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and information rights legislation.
- Maintained data governance risk and issues while documenting and maintaining data flows.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND ACHIEVEMENTS CONTINUED

SIMON BETHEL SOLICITORS

Company Commercial / Business Immigration Solicitor

2008-2016

Provided advise, support, and recommendations to businesses on data privacy laws, including Data Protection Act 2018 and GDPR as well as compliance, training, draft policies, and procedures.

Key Contributions:

- Facilitated recruitment of overseas staff by providing clients with legal / business counsel regarding UK immigration laws.
- Worked with diverse businesses, entrepreneurs, investors, and education specialists to ensure ongoing compliance with UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) guidelines.

EARLY CAREER SUMMARY

BRUNEL UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL ▪ Lecturer

JOHNBOSCO ONYEME & CO., LEGAL PRACTITIONERS ▪ Solicitor

CHURCHGATE INDUSTRIES ▪ Assistant Group Company Secretary / Legal Adviser

DIAMOND BANK LTD ▪ Company Secretary / Legal Adviser

KARIM, THOMPSON & LEGAL PRACTITIONERS ▪ Solicitor / Advocate

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

OneTrust Privacy Professional

2022

- Studied all aspects of Assessment Automation, Data Subject Requests, Vendor Management, Data Mapping, Cookies, Consent, and Incident Management.

Certified Information Privacy Professional (CIPP/E)

2022

- Significantly enhanced knowledge of global data protection and privacy regulations, terminology, compliance requirements and practical concepts concerning personal data protection and trans-border data flows.

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

LLM with Distinction (European and International Commercial Law)

BL (Hons) Second Class Upper Division

LL.B (Hons) Second Class Lower Division