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Data Protection and Privacy Policy

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Mountford Chambers is committed to safeguarding the privacy of our clients, employees, instructing solicitors and applicants.

This policy explains what data Mountford Chambers and its members collect from you, how that data is used for the operation of Chambers' business, and the steps we take to ensure that your data remains secure.

Applicability

This policy applies to all interactions between the clerking team and staff of Mountford Chambers, and:

- Clients of Mountford Chambers.
- Prospective clients of Mountford Chambers.
- Subscribers to Mountford Chambers mailing lists.
- Employees of Mountford Chambers.
- Job applicants.
- Pupillage applicants.
- Mini-pupillage applicants.
- Mini-pupils.

Many members of Chambers have subscribed to this privacy policy; this policy applies to your professional dealings with members of Chambers unless you are specifically advised otherwise by an individual member of Chambers. A list of those members of Chambers who have signed this policy is included in the Members Annex attached.

Data Protection Officer

Mountford Chambers has appointed a Data Protection Officer (DPO) with responsibility for data protection compliance within the organisation.

Queries

Questions about this policy, or requests for further information, should be directed to the Data Controller in the first instance.

Further queries may be directed as follows:

Orla O'Sullivan

Email: orlaosullivan@mountfordchambers.com

Phone: 020 79366300

Data Protection Officer (DPO)

Email: DPO@mountfordchambers.com

What information do we collect?

This section tells you what personal data we may collect from you when you use our services or instruct members of Chambers.

Clients

When you are registered as a client of Mountford Chambers we will usually collect:

- Personal data including name, address(es) and contact details.
- The names and telephone numbers of clients and associates.
- Details of any solicitor or legal representative.

During the course of your dealings with Mountford Chambers and instruction of members of Chambers, we may also receive data such as:

- Details of any legal claim(s) against you or in which you are involved.
- Special category data such as gender, race, and nationality.
- Medical, criminal, disciplinary or financial records.
- Images of you or your likeness.

Applicants

During the course of your application for an employed position, pupillage, or mini pupillage at Mountford Chambers, we will usually collect data such as:

- Personal data including name, address(es) and contact details.
- Information about your personal and career history.
- Special category data, including data collected for the purposes of Equality and Diversity monitoring.

Visitors

CCTV images of you may be captured on our premises. IP addresses may be logged on our IT system if you use one or more of the Mountford Chambers Wi-Fi networks or electronic facilities.

Purpose

Mountford Chambers and members of Chambers will use your data as appropriate to:

- Provide services (including legal advice and representation), quotations, and information.
- Communicate with you.
- Facilitate the billing of services.
- Direct enquiries to the appropriate member of Chambers.
- Investigate and address complaints.

- Investigate, address, or defend legal proceedings relating to your use of our services.
- Meet our legal obligations and regulatory requirements, including obligations to maintain Equality and Diversity monitoring statistics.
- Carry out activities necessary for the process of employing members of staff, and our pupillage and mini-pupillage application processes.
- Carry out activities necessary for the performance of employment or other contracts to which Mountford Chambers is a party.

Data controllers

Individual members of Chambers are the controllers of any personal data which is supplied to or received by them in the course of and during your instructions for the member to provide legal services.

Mountford Chambers is the controller of your personal data if you are applying for any role within Chambers, if you lodge a complaint about a member of Chambers, or when Chambers processes your personal data in relation to billing or marketing activities.

Data processors

From time-to-time Mountford Chambers and members of Chambers may find it necessary to appoint data processors, or to engage the services of those whose function will make them data processors, for example support staff or pupil (trainee) barristers.

Members of Chambers act as data processors when acting on behalf of Chambers in any capacity involving the

administration of Chambers, or the recruitment of staff, pupils and mini-pupils.

How to access your data

As a data subject, you have a number of rights in relation to your personal data.

You have the right to make a Subject Access Request. If an individual makes a subject access request, Mountford Chambers or the member of Chambers to whom the request is addressed will respond to the request within thirty days and will produce a response to the request in line with the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) guidelines.

The data subject will need to prove themselves by a form of identification which will be deemed adequate by the Data Protection Officer (DPA). A Subject Access Request to Mountford Chambers or any individual member of Chambers

Data Protection Officer (DPO)

Email: DPO@mountfordchambers.com

should be submitted to:

If a Subject Access Request is manifestly unfounded or excessive, the organisation or member of Chambers is not obliged to comply with the request. Alternatively, the organisation or member can agree to respond but, the data subject may be charged a fee if extra costs are incurred to retrieve data, which will be based on the administration cost of responding to the request. A Subject Access Request is likely to be manifestly unfounded or excessive where it repeats a request to which the organisation has already responded.

If an individual submits a request that is unfounded or excessive, the organisation will notify him/her that this is the case and whether or not it will be responded to.

If we cannot facilitate a request based on limitations with IT functionality, the DPO will notify the individual, accordingly, stating what aspect of the request they can respond to.

Whilst we always aim to respond to any Subject Access Request within thirty days, if a request takes longer than the regulation timeline, then the data subject will be notified and will be updated, and the request provided at the earliest opportunity.

It should be noted that due to the business practices and the nature of the business model of Mountford Chambers, some data may not be requested under a Subject Access Request for legal reasons. If it is felt that a request may not be granted or fulfilled, the data subject will be informed.

A response to a Subject Access Request will also provide the individual with a copy of the personal data undergoing processing. This will normally be in electronic form if the individual has made a request electronically unless he/she agrees otherwise.

A data subject has the right to the following information regarding the processing of their data:

Whether or not their data is processed and if so why.

The categories of personal data concerned and the source of the data if it is not collected from the individual.

To whom their data is or may be disclosed, including to recipients located outside the European Economic Area (EEA) and the safeguards that apply to such transfers.

For how long their personal data is to be stored (or how that period is decided).

Their rights to rectification or erasure of data, or to restrict or object to processing.

Their right to complain to the Information Commissioner if they think the organisation or individual has failed to comply with the data subject's data protection rights.

Whether or not the organisation carries out automated decision-making and the logic involved in any such decision-making.

Data processing

Personal data will be retained for the shortest time necessary. Please note that some legal cases will require Mountford Chambers or a member of Chambers to hold your data for a significant period after a case has been heard.

Under the **General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)** you have the following rights to request information from Mountford Chambers and members of Chambers:

- Right of access to the data (Subject Access Request).
- Right for the rectification of errors.
- Right to erasure of personal data (please note, this is not an absolute right).
- Right to restrict processing or to object to processing.
- Right to portability.

Due to the nature and purpose of data we hold (for the purposes of legal representation), the erasure of data may not be possible where such erasure is prohibited by law or where member of Chambers are under a regulatory obligation to retain records.

Lawful basis for processing

The **General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)** and **Data Protection Act 2018**

are pieces of legislation explaining your rights over the processing of your personal information.

The GDPR requires Mountford Chambers and our members to identify which of six "lawful reasons" we use when processing your data.

In respect of Mountford Chambers:

- we process data on the basis of "**consent**" when: communicating with you about your case(s); sending newsletters or material relating to Mountford Chambers; and responding to applications for employment, mini– pupillage and pupillage.
- we operate on the basis of "**legitimate interest**" when: communicating with you in other ways (e.g., when responding to your enquiry or case); when using data to satisfy our regulatory obligations; and when using data for the purposes of maintaining a record of conflicts, quality assurance and training.
- when processing personal data relating to legal cases in order to provide legal services to you, we rely on "**legal obligation**" and "**contract**" as our lawful basis for processing.

In respect of members of Chambers, each member of Chambers will be required to handle and process your data in order to effectively act on your instruction. It is vital that barristers are able to process your personal data in order to assist you in your case.

Members of Chambers rely on the following "lawful reasons" for processing your data:

- Members of Chambers rely on the basis of "**consent**" when: using data to provide legal services to you, and when communicating with you about your case(s).

- Members of Chambers rely on the basis of "**legitimate interest**" when: processing, storing or retaining data in order to satisfy their regulatory obligations; maintaining a record of conflicts; and where the retention of data is **necessary for the defence of legal claims** or maintenance of precedents.

- Members of Chambers rely on the basis of "**legal obligation**" and "**contract**" when providing legal services to you.

During the course of providing legal service to our clients, Mountford Chambers and members of Chambers may collect, process, store and retain special category data. Such data is processed on the following grounds:

- Where we have **consent** from the data subject to process data.
- Where we process data **manifestly made public**.
- Where processing is **necessary for the establishment, exercise, or defence of legal claims**.

Consent

Where Mountford Chambers or its members hold and process data on the legal basis of consent, the data subject has the right at any time to withdraw the consent.

Each of our Mountford Briefings and emails relating to lectures, events and news contain a link to unsubscribe from the specific mailing list to which that correspondence is sent. To withdraw your consent for Mountford Chambers to contact you in respect of that mailing list, please follow the 'unsubscribe' link provided.

To unsubscribe from multiple or all mailing lists, or to withdraw your consent to be

contacted by Mountford Chambers at all, please contact:

Orla O’Sullivan

Email: orlaosullivan@mountfordchambers.com

Phone: 020 79366300

To withdraw your consent for Mountford Chambers or a member of Chambers to hold and process your data for any other means, such as in respect of the provision of legal services, please contact the member of Chambers with whom you were previously dealing or contact the Data Protection Officer.

Members of Chambers

Email: clerks@mountfordchambers.com

Data Protection Officer (DPO)

Email: DPO@mountfordchambers.com

For those under sixteen years of age, consent will often be required from an adult to process information relating to that data subject.

In relation to case data, consent may be obtained by the representing solicitor.

Data security

Mountford Chambers and members of Chambers take the security of personal data seriously.

Mountford Chambers has internal policies and controls in place to protect personal data against loss, accidental destruction, misuse or disclosure, and to ensure that data is not accessed, except by employees in the proper performance of their duties. These controls are implemented under the ICO and the Bar

Council guidelines and are subject to regular monitoring and review.

Where Mountford Chambers engages third parties to process personal data on its behalf, such parties do so on the basis of written instructions, are under a duty of confidentiality and are obliged to implement appropriate technical and organisational measures to ensure the security of data.

Our staff, barristers and associates undergo regular Bar Council, data handling and GDPR training, to ensure that our policies and procedures are compliant with all aspects of data protection legislation. Our servers are held in a restricted area and are managed and monitored by IT and cyber data experts. This service is provided by a recognised, vetted, and accredited service provider. Encryption for our data and emails are used at all times.

Members of Chambers have a responsibility to control and hold data in a manner commensurate to our security, data and cyber policies and the Bar Council guidelines.

Members of Chambers may also store data on personal electronic devices. All such devices are suitably protected by password protection and encryption.

Every effort shall be made by Mountford Chambers and members of Chambers to ensure the secure electronic storage of data in such a manner as to mitigate any risk of data loss as a result of technological failure or malfunction.

From time-to-time, particularly in legal cases involving parties outside the United Kingdom, data may be transferred to a legal representative not located within the United Kingdom or the European Union (EU).

Mountford Chambers and members of Chambers shall ensure that any such data transfer is undertaken commensurate with our data protection policies and

guidelines, and subject to reciprocal undertakings in data security.

Sharing personal information

Mountford Chambers and its members will not share any information held with third parties unless consent is given by the data subject, or where such disclosure is necessary within the conduct of a legal case, or according to other legal or obligations on Mountford Chambers or members of Chambers.

Members of Chambers may share your personal information with:

- Instructing solicitors.
- Legal representatives for other parties for the purpose of enabling communication.
- Mountford Chambers staff who provide administrative services.
- The Bar Standards Board or any other regulatory body or tribunal, or legal advisors in the event of a dispute or complaints procedure.
- Law enforcement officials, government authorities, or other third parties to meet legal obligations.
- The courts, arbitrators, or adjudicators in the ordinary course of proceedings.
- Any other party where you consent to the sharing.

Members of Chambers may also share data with the following, unless you do not consent for them to do so:

- Pupils (trainee barristers) or mini pupils (those undertaking work experience).
- Counsel in Chambers, where they are engaged for the purposes of proof reading or obtaining a second opinion on an informal

basis.

- Legal representatives for other parties, for the purposes of resolving the case.
- Mediators during the course of a mediation.

Mountford Chambers will only share information with the following organisations if we have a legal obligation or are instructed to do so from an authority requiring specific information on a data subject.

Chambers may, on that basis, share information with:

- Members of staff and Chambers' clerks, including those assigned to your case.
- Instructing solicitors.
- Barristers within Mountford Chambers, for the purposes of instructing Counsel, or for purposes necessary for the functioning and administration of Chambers, such as management, employment, and pupillage committees.
- Other barristers or legal representatives for other parties.
- The Bar Standards Board or any other regulatory body or tribunal, or legal advisors in the event of a dispute or complaints procedure.
- Law enforcement officials, government authorities, or other third parties to meet legal obligations.
- The courts, arbitrators, or adjudicators in the ordinary course of proceedings.
- Any other party where you consent to the sharing.

- Pupils (trainee barristers) or mini pupils (those undertaking work experience).

In respect of employment and application data, Mountford Chambers may also share anonymised personal information for the purpose of for equal opportunities and diversity monitoring, and to meet its regulatory obligations.

Where Mountford Chambers and members of Chambers share your data with third parties, such sharing will only be undertaken where required by law, or on the basis of written agreement, where the third party is under a duty of confidentiality and is obliged to implement appropriate technical and organisational measures to ensure the security of personal information.

Your data may be transferred to countries outside the European Economic Area (EEA). If any data is transferred outside the EEA it is based on the contractual obligations to third parties and processed in accordance with your data rights: any such data transfer shall be undertaken commensurate with our data protection policies and guidelines, and subject to reciprocal undertakings in data security.

trained in data protection requirements and procedures. A register of training will be kept.

Members of Chambers are responsible for ensuring that they are regularly and appropriately trained in data protection requirements and procedures. A register of training will be kept.

This policy will be reviewed at least annually.

Training and review

Mountford Chambers will ensure that its employees are regularly and appropriately

Complaints procedure

Please contact us directly with any questions or complaints as we aim to resolve any questions relating to data privacy with the data subject immediately.

Contact:

Data Protection Officer (DPO)

Email: DPO@Mountfordchambers.co.uk

All legal rights regarding privacy are the responsibility of the Information Commissioners Office (ICO).

More information about their complaints procedure can be found at: <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>



ICO registration

Mountford Chambers is an ICO-registered organisation.

Mountford Chambers ICO Registration: ZA246759

All members of Chambers are individually ICO-registered.

Details of individual registrations are included in the Members Annex to the policy.

Changes to this privacy policy

We reserve the right to make changes to this policy from time to time, so please take the time to review it periodically.

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Members Annex

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The members of Chambers listed below are signatories to the
Mountford Chambers Data Protection and Privacy Policy.

	Member	ICO Registration
Brown,	Ben	ZA246828
Corrigan,	Peter	Z5154002
Day,	Sarah	ZA198941
Furlong,	Richard	Z4597968
Gerry [QC],	Felicity	Z4563339
Grey [QC],	Siobhan	Z9316508
Hargreaves,	Ben	ZA246789
Harries [QC],	Mark	Z9316508
Hillman,	Gerard	Z5119021
Hingston,	Joe	Z265442X
James,	Graheme	ZA246787
Johnson,	Greg	Z5154138
Kane,	Joanne	ZA242540
Kogan,	Barry	ZA246779
Lambert [QC],	Nigel	ZA24676
Lawson,	Matthew	Z4748034
Lennon,	Jonathan	Z9400480
Lloyd,	James	ZA327572
Molyneux,	Simon	Z4787753
Qazi,	Ayaz	Z265217
Rawat,	Houzla	ZA246812
Ryan,	Cathy	ZA264781
Spewyn,	Marie	ZA246809
Tilbury,	James	ZA246807
Turton,	Andrew	Z4744276
Ventham,	Tony	ZA246790

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