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# Twitter ye not: Data Protection breaches in the workplace

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# Programme

Through case study of reported authorities and cases in which they have been instructed, Peter Edwards, Chris Stone and Alice Carse will explore issues arising from Data Protection breaches in the workplace including:

- The pitfalls of medical data in the workplace.
- Employment References: Just how exempt are referees?
- Data damages: Valuing privacy and reputational damage.
- Tactics for dealing with DSARS and claims alleging breach of the Data Protection Act 1998.

Following the seminar there will be an opportunity for networking and further discussion over drinks and canapés

# Timings

5.30 pm Registration and refreshments

6.00 pm Start of the seminar

7.30 pm Further discussion over drinks and canapés

#### CPD

The seminar is accredited with 1.5 CPD hours – please ensure you have signed the registration form before you leave this evening.

#### Feedback forms

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# Your speakers



Peter Edwards has a strong appellate practice covering all aspects of employment and industrial relations, with a particular expertise in disability discrimination (using his knowledge in the Personal Injury field and his experience in cross-examining medical experts), whistle-blowing, age discrimination and Working Time Regulation cases. Regularly instructed by large public sector employers, particularly Metropolitan Police, and leading, ranked City firms, Peter provides a comprehensive service to employees and employers bringing or defending claims. Peter has appeared against QC's in the Supreme Court, the

Employment Appeal Tribunal and the Court of Session. He was appointed in January 2011 as Member of the Panel of Counsel for the Commission of Equality & Human Rights. "A barrister with an excellent cross-examination technique, who is always willing to assist." "He brings a thorough and practical approach to his cases." – Chambers UK 2016



Chris Stone regularly handles high value and multi-day employment tribunal claims, involving the full range of discrimination and whistleblowing claims. He has experience in the High Court on a range of commercial and employment matters, including restrictive covenants and advice on team moves. He was lead junior for the Defendants in the Construction Industry Vetting Information Group litigation, which included multi-day hearings on costs and expert evidence. Chris is a contributing author to Bloomsbury Professional's 'Discrimination Law' and is a member of the Attorney General's B Panel of counsel. Chris is ranked as a Leading

Junior by Chambers UK and Legal 500 in the fields of employment and tax and is frequently instructed to advise upon and litigate issues which crossover these boundaries such as employment status and the application of the national minimum wage. Chambers UK 2017 says, "He is practical, accurate and tactful where there are client sensitivities." "He does not leave any stone unturned and it is a huge comfort knowing that he is on your side." Chris is described by Legal 500 2016 as "An outstanding junior, with great attention to detail, a tremendous work ethic and sound judgement."



Alice Carse is an experienced advocate specialising in employment and industrial relations law. She has advised employers on data protection issues in the workplace and acted in disputes relating to the Data Protection Act 1998, including applications for injunctive relief. Alice appears in the ET, EAT and High Court and is often instructed for her ability to deal with complex cases. She speaks and writes on employment law issues, was recently published in "The Autonomy of Labour Law" and is a contributing editor of Discrimination Law. In 2016 Alice was appointed Junior Counsel to the Crown (C Panel).



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