

Quentin Archer

Senior Counsel

London

Biography

After a period working in Cambridge at one of the UK's best-known computer manufacturers, Quentin returned to the firm in the mid-1980s to set up one of the first IT focused law practices in London. Since then he has worked across the entire field of IT law, including advising on the IT and intellectual property aspects of corporate acquisitions, system development contracts, outsourcing projects and numerous other transactions involving software licensing, hardware sale, facilities management, telecommunications, maintenance, leasing, and defence contracts.

He has extensive experience of disputes in the IT field. In recent years he has concentrated additionally on information law, including serving as chair of the influential Sedona Conference working group on e-disclosure and data privacy.

In a varied legal career he has arrested a ship, carried out a discovery exercise on a North Sea oil rig, appeared as an advocate in the Russian Supreme Court and acted as an arbitrator in proceedings (wholly in Russian) at the International Arbitration Court in Moscow. He is a fluent Russian speaker.

Representative experience

Advising an international educational institution located in the Middle East on agreements with a global IT organisation for the provision of cloud services.



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Languages

English
French
Russian

Practices

Copyright
Intellectual Property
International Arbitration
IT Law
Data, Privacy and Cybersecurity
Trade Secrets and Confidential Know-how
Technology Litigation

Industries

Acting for a provider of billing and settlement services in relation to a renegotiation of a major ten-year service contract in the airline industry.

Advising SABMiller PLC on several outsourcing arrangements to standardise data processing on an SAP platform.

Advising a multinational insurance company on several linked data processing centralisation projects involving multiple data transfers within and outside the European Union.

Advising a U.S. based reinsurer on contractual arrangements for a cloud computing project involving seven regional data centres processing data from 25 jurisdictions.

Acting for an insurance broker on a project to move data processing from several European jurisdictions to the United States.

Latest thinking and events

- News
 - Art 29 WP Applauds Sedona Discovery Initiative, Cites Hogan Lovells Partner
- News
 - Blogging from the IAPP London Data Protection Intensive
- News
 - Hogan Lovells Submits Comments on Proposed EU Regulation to UK Ministry of Justice
- News
 - London Privacy Workshop Seeks Input for UK Consultation
- News
 - European Commission Releases Official Draft of Groundbreaking Data Protection Regulation

Financial Institutions

Insurance

Technology

Areas of focus

IP Rights in Transactions

Broadband, Internet, and E-commerce

IT Outsourcing

Technology Contracts

Breach Preparedness, Response, Investigation, and Communications

Corporate and Commercial Transactions

E-discovery and Information Management

Risk Management, Governance, and Compliance

Workplace Privacy

Education and admissions

Education

M.A., University of Cambridge

LL.M., University of Cambridge

Memberships

Sedona Conference

Accolades

'Pragmatic and realistic, and able to bring the full weight of many years of experience to bear on all matters'

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