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Kemp IT Law

Practice profile

Kemp IT Law operates at the vanguard of developments in information technology, critical to which is the expertise it demonstrates in the data law area, which is one of seven focus areas which also include artificial intelligence, digital commerce and software. Partnering closely with innovative UK and foreign companies, it serves up business-focused clear-cut advice on GDPR compliance, data licensing and cyber security issues. Much of its work is cutting edge in nature - the lawyers here have no qualms about breaking new ground.

Leading individuals

The firm was founded by Richard Kemp, who is unanimously considered to be one of the UK's best technology lawyers. He is a natural born innovator and leader. His team has experienced notable growth and development in recent years. Chris Kemp arrived in September 2019 from Clifford Chance joining as an associate alongside senior associate Nooreen Ajmal. Deirdre Moynihan, who came on board from Morrison & Foerster in 2016, was elected to the partnership in April 2020.

Work highlights

Although specifics cannot be disclosed, the team acts for leading law firms, IP service providers, broadcasters, media entities, real estate companies and diverse others on a broad range of matters including digital transformation projects, complex transactional negotiations and the application of AI, machine learning and text and data mining technologies.

ForgeRock an independent open source identity and access management software developer enlisted the firm to serve as technical security specialists on compliance with UK and EU technical standards and data protection and information security requirements.

Huq is a growing UK company which uses proprietary high frequency mobile location data to map consumer behaviour. Deirdre Moynihan and Chris Kemp have been supporting its CEO on data collection, cleansing and other activities and on GDPR compliance.

As IT company SITA's external data legal counsel, the group has taken the lead on several complex data governance projects, recently advising on IP rights in data, common technical standards, GDPR issues, AI and data science ethics and policies, and blockchain. One of the projects is FlightChain, a research initiative for the development of trusted single version truth for flight status data to be implemented on the Ethereum and Hyperledger-Fabric blockchain programmes.

Client feedback

"Richard Kemp and Deirdre Moynihan are both very responsive and take a commercial, risk-aware approach. They both have excellent negotiation skills and are trusted business advisors. They have acted for us in numerous agreements and given important guidance on data privacy and electronic communications."