

"They offer a first-class service. Their preparation is second to none and their commitment to their clients is impressive."
Chambers & Partners UK, 2015

Bindmans LLP is recognised as one of the leading law firms in advising and representing journalists and media organisations who face criminal investigation or prosecution, or whose professional activities are threatened by interference by the police.

We have been leaders in the field since 1986 when we successfully defended Clive Ponting, the senior civil servant at the Ministry of Defence (MoD) prosecuted over the leaking of information relating to the sinking of General Belgrano, a key incident in the Falklands War.

We have been involved in many cases since then including most recently, along with our Public law team, David Miranda, the partner of Glenn Greenwald, detained at Heathrow under terrorism powers because he was in possession of secret materials obtained by the security analyst Edward Snowden.

These cases require specialist skills due to the complex law involved, the public interest and human rights issues at stake and the special professional demands of journalists, particularly to protect sources.

The need to protect journalistic integrity is more pressing and demanding than ever because of the growing scrutiny under which members of the press work. This is a result of the phone hacking scandal, the Leveson Inquiry and the controversial use by the authorities of their ever more extensive

powers to obtain access to journalists' materials and information that may lead to the identification of sources.

We act and are very experienced in the following areas of work:

- Representing investigative journalists where undercover investigations have attracted the attention of the police, including dealing with arrests, police interviews, searches and investigations.
- Defending publishing companies and individual editors and publishers in respect of allegations of breaching court reporting restrictions, and Contempt of Court.
- Defending those accused of whistleblowing and a breach of the Official Secrets Act.
- Defending journalists covering public demonstrations and public order incidents who find themselves the target of police.
- Advising and representing journalists, media organisations and broadcasters in relation to applications by the police for production of journalistic material.
- Defending individual journalists and their sources.

The firm's Media and Information law team, and Employment law team, and Public law team are also leaders in their areas and we work closely with our colleagues in parallel civil actions. We draw on Bindmans' pre-eminent experience in human rights law to protect our clients' interests and fundamental freedoms.



Meet the team

"They have huge expertise in all areas of criminal work, especially in unusual or challenging cases, and cases involving significant public interest. They have good liaison between practice areas, ensuring that all aspects of cases both criminal and civil can be dealt with."

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"lives, sleeps, eats and breathes the job; there is no length he won't go to."

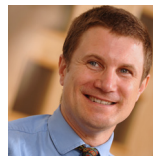
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