

## **Speaker Biographies**





Katie Wheatley Partner, Bindmans LLP

Katie Wheatley is a partner and Joint Head of Bindmans LLP Criminal Law Team. She specialises in fraud and general crime including criminal law issues that affect members of the media. She acts for print and TV journalists in connection with arrest, searches and investigations connected with working under cover. Katie advises in connection with a range of criminal offences including Official Secrets Act. She acts for publishers and editors in connection with prosecutions for breach of reporting restrictions and advises in respect of applications for disclosure of journalistic material.



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Martin Rackstraw is a partner and Joint Head of Bindmans LLP Criminal Law Team. He specialises in defending in serious crime, including fraud and homicide. He advises and represents journalists and media organisations facing criminal investigation and prosecution arising from their work, for example undercover journalists investigated by police, publications in prosecutions arising from reporting of criminal proceedings, and in relation to applications by police for the production of journalistic material.



Alex Bailin QC Barrister, Matrix Chambers

Alex is ranked by the legal directories in a total of eight areas, including crime, media and defamation and privacy. His media work often involves areas where criminal and media law intersect. He has advised high-profile figures, editors, journalists, national newspapers and broadcasters on reputation management issues, production orders, search warrants, witness summonses, reporting restrictions, anonymity, contempt of court, the Official Secrets Acts and other criminal offences. His media clients have included the BBC, Guardian, the Mirror Group, Daily Telegraph, Independent, ITN, Evening Standard, The Times, BSkyB, Financial Times, News Group Newspapers, Associated Newspapers and the Press Association. He is currently representing the media at the Litvinenko Inquiry. He is a Deputy High Court judge and a Crown Court Recorder.



Matthew Ryder QC Barrister, Matrix Chambers

Matthew Ryder is a leading practitioner in the overlap between criminal law and media law. He has extensive experience of the protection of journalists' sources, freedom of expression, surveillance and police powers. His clients include international media publishers, investigative journalists, solicitors, in-house lawyers, NGOs and senior political figures. He has recently been at the forefront of litigation connected with the Edward Snowden disclosures, as lead counsel in litigation before the Investigatory Powers Tribunal as related litigation in the Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court. In recent weeks he has been a guest speaker before both the American Bar Association and the International Network of Civil Liberties Organisations and he is currently instructed by Liberty and the American Civil Liberties Union in litigation before the European Court of Human Rights.