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Sue Cullen is a solicitor and co-founder and director of Amberhawk Training Limited.

Founded in 2008, Amberhawk is dedicated to training individuals responsible for compliance in data protection, freedom of Information, information security and other aspects of information law. Most of those trained on Amberhawk's public accredited courses achieve the relevant BCS/ISEB qualifications, and Sue is accredited by BCS/ISEB as a trainer for their certificates in data protection and freedom of information.

Sue specialises in data protection and freedom of information law and has contributed the chapter on Freedom of Information and Personal Data in the fourth edition of the leading text "Data Protection Law and Practice" by Rosemary Jay. She is also a member of the Editorial Board of the Encyclopaedia of Data Protection. She designs and delivers public training courses and customised training for clients on site, and also speaks and writes on information law topics.

She joined Masons Solicitors in April 2001, recruited by Shelagh Gaskill to work with Chris Pounder in the Data Protection and Privacy team based in both the London and Leeds offices. She specialised in information law, particularly data protection and freedom of information, and also human rights, the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act, and Re-use of Public Sector Information. She was with Chris Pounder one of the specialist trainers in Pinsent Masons' legal training business, and Course Director for the Certificate in Freedom of Information.

Sue also advised clients on privacy, data protection, human rights, and related information law issues. She was Pinsent Masons' data protection officer, providing internal advice on compliance, and delivering training, to the firm. She was a member of the European Privacy Officers Network, contributing to meetings with other privacy specialists working in industry and with European Privacy Commissioners and their staff in other European jurisdictions. She wrote case reports for the Encyclopaedia of Data Protection, and contributed a chapter to the Law Society's Data Protection Handbook, edited by Peter Carey.

Before joining Pinsent Masons, Sue was a commercial property lawyer working in private practice in London and Leeds, where she carried out transactional work in commercial leasing and property development. She also worked as a property support lawyer specialising in drafting precedent documents and developing legal knowhow and training. She was a founder member of the London Property Support Lawyers Group, and co-writer of the Standard Commercial Property Enquiries published by PLC, as well as author of articles and texts on technical aspects of commercial property law.



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Education

July 1972: BA (Hons) Philosophy/Politics University of Lancaster

Qualifications

November 1977: Admitted as a Solicitor, Law Society of England and Wales

January 2002: ISEB Certificate in Data Protection

January 2005: ISEB Certificate in Freedom of Information

April 2006: ISEB Certificate in IT Law Essentials

February 2007: City & Guilds Level 4 Certificate in Further Education Teaching, Stage 1

Career

1978-1980: Herbert Smith

1980-1984: Booth & Co

1984-1989: Dibb Lupton

1989-1990: Simpson Curtis

1991-1993: Dibb Lupton Broomhead

1993-1999: Eversheds

1999-2000: Garretts/ Andersen Legal

2001-2008: Pinsent Masons

August 2008 - present: Amberhawk Training Limited