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Manchester is the UK's second city and also the fastest growing: it is home to the UK's second largest financial and legal services markets, and hosts more than 60 non-UK based financial institutions. Since opening in 2014 BCLP has rapidly expanded its presence in Manchester, and now employs over 100 staff who take a fresh approach to the way legal services are delivered, enabled by cutting edge machine learning and case management technologies, and market leading process mapping and data analytics methodologies. Whether handling volume, scalable work in conjunction with colleagues in other offices or dealing with its own, discrete matters for the firm's global client base, the office can deliver the highest quality legal services to our UK and international clients, at extremely competitive prices.

In collaboration with clients and colleagues across the globe, and working across sectors, we deliver BCLP quality services in the following areas:

- Real Estate
- Banking and Finance
- Planning
- Derivatives
- Dispute Resolution
- Employment
- Restructuring

COMMUNITY

In Manchester, we work with a number of local schools and colleges to provide advice, opportunities and skills training to young people, aimed at raising aspirations, giving the students an insight into

the world of work and helping them to develop essential skills.

We support a number of local charities with fundraising and seasonal collections, including Mustard Tree, Wood Street Mission and Fareshare.

In our UK offices, we run regular Donate Our Time (“DOT”) days, combining workgroup teambuilding with volunteering in the community, in a variety of ways - including working with food poverty charities and creating and maintaining community open spaces. We are always happy to organise joint BCLP/client DOT days.

We have an active charity fundraising programme. Through an internal nomination and selection process, our UK offices choose a charity to support each year. For 2025, our UK charity of the year is Pancreatic Cancer UK, supporting anyone affected by pancreatic cancer, whether it is before, during or after a diagnosis, through treatment or support during end-of-life care. They also fund important world leading research, such as detection tests and cancer-killing therapies, and campaign to spread awareness about this disease, for faster and more accurate diagnosis and treatment. In addition to running events and challenges in aid of our Charity of the Year, we also run fundraising events and collections in kind for other charities, tackling issues such as access to justice and food poverty.

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Information Commissioner's open letter to the UK Prime Minister - Key Takeaways

On 16 January 2025, in an open statement and letter, the UK Information Commissioner, John Edwards, responded to the December 2024 letter from the UK Prime Minister, the Chancellor, and the Business Secretary. He set out the ICO25 strategic plan and highlighted a few interesting points. The plan confirms that responsible innovation and sustainable economic growth are core strategic objectives for the data protection regulator. Additionally, the importance of data protection and information rights are noted as essential building blocks for the ICO's strategic plans, as they ensure public trust and consumer confidence alongside offering businesses security and certainty upon which to build for the future.

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On your radar? 10 real estate risk areas to watch in 2025

As we look ahead to 2025, several key areas within the real estate sector are poised to see an uptick in disputes. This report outlines ten pressing issues that property owners, occupiers, developers and investors should be aware of.

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EMEA- Data Privacy, Digital and AI Round Up 2024/2025

As expected in the data privacy and digital space, 2024 shaped up to be a year full of guidance, consultations, regulatory focus areas and legislative updates. Artificial Intelligence (AI) remained a hot topic with advertising technology (AdTech) closely following its heels. With the blizzard of global data protection developments continuing unabated in 2024 with no doubt more to come in 2025, it is a good moment to look back at what 2024 held for businesses as well as to consider what 2025 may hold in the EMEA region.

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Energy Performance of Buildings regime - MHCLG and DESNZ set out ambitious targets in a new consultation building on the previous MEES consultations

The UK government has launched a consultation to reform the Energy Performance of Buildings (EPB) regime, a crucial step towards achieving the nation's ambitious net-zero targets by 2050. This extensive consultation, which runs until 26 February 2025, seeks to gather input on several key areas of the EPB framework. Here, we delve into the background leading up to this consultation, the key areas being consulted on, and likely next steps.

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The decarbonisation of the built environment is likely to be on the UK Government's agenda as it looks to make good on its commitment at COP29 to cut carbon emissions by 81% from 1990s level by 2035. How will this be achieved? Will Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards play a part, will we see more green leases or more building accreditations and is the UN's Building Breakthrough initiative beginning to make a substantive difference?

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Employment Rights Bill, whistleblowing, and sex-based discrimination

This week we summarise three very recent developments in employment law, one involving the Employment Rights Bill (ERB) and two new cases.