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Martin Hoskins is a founder member of Amberhawk Associates, and has some 25 years privacy experience, providing strategic and practical approach to data protection, child safety, insurance, law enforcement, interception and marketing in the financial services, on-line, telecommunications and utilities fields.

Having held senior operational privacy roles with some of Britain's largest and well known companies, he has worked extensively in organisations that were undertaking significant internal changes, so Martin has developed strategies that enable changes to be made internal privacy programmes, taking full account of new corporate cultures and the relevant legal and regulatory expectations.

In 2012, Martin was appointed to the Data Protection Advisory Panel (advising the Ministry of Justice on its approach to the EU's Data Protection Regulation and Directive in the field of law enforcement). He also privately advises politicians representing all three major parties of issues relating to the acquisition and retention of communications data, and on other internet-related issues. In 2012 he was appointed Specialist Advisor to the Joint Committee on the Draft Communications Data Bill, and he has also given oral and written evidence before various Parliamentary Select Committees.

As a frequent conference speaker, his themes include the importance of establishing good information governance structures, the role of the state in retaining and accessing the private communications of its citizens, and how Privacy Impact Assessments can be used as a useful tool to safeguard the reputation of the data controller.

As a member of a wide range of industry working panels administered by the CBI, mobile telecommunications industry, Home Office, Association of Chief Police Officers and financial services associations, he maintains close links with fellow professions across a wide range of fields.

He has also contributed to a range of publications, including "Monitoring Internet Communications" (2013); "Joint Parliamentary Committee on the draft Communications Data Bill" (2012); Privacy Design Guidelines for Mobile Application Development" (2012); Mobile Privacy Guidelines (2011); BSI20012:2009 the British standard for compliance with the Data Protection Act (2009); Guidance Book for the Financial Services Industries on the Data Protection Act 1998 (Aug 2000); and the Data Protection Code (1993).

As well as chairing the UK's Data Protection Forum, Martin also writes the "*Data Protector*" blog which, in a irreverent manner, covers a wide range of topical privacy related subjects.

Martin's has a degree in Government, Politics and Modern History. He is also a Licentiate of the Chartered Insurance Institute and is a holder of the BCS/ISEB data protection certificate.

Martin is also a Freeman of the City of London.