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Peter is an academic associate member of Chambers and is currently working as an in-house barrister for Anthony Collins LLP in Birmingham, where he leads the firm's Data Protection and Information Law practice. He undertakes a broad variety of contentious and non-contentious work within these areas, including advising and providing training on: defamation and reputation management, intermediary liability in respect of defamation and data protection/privacy, the use of social media and the implementation of social media policies for employers and employees, media freedom, regulation and free speech, data protection, information law, privacy and confidentiality (including the implementation, interpretation and application of the Data Protection Act 2018, General Data Protection Regulation, Privacy and Electronic Communications Regulations, Environmental Information Regulations and the Freedom of Information Act 2000), and data security and breach/crisis management.

In addition to being a practising lawyer Peter is a research active academic. He is a Research Associate at the University of London's Institute of Advanced Legal Studies' Information Law & Policy Centre and was formerly a Senior Lecturer in Law at Aston University. His Media Law research, which focusses on (i) citizen journalism's interaction with free speech, media freedom and regulation, and (ii) defamation and the protection of corporate reputation, has led to articles in leading academic journals, as well as contributions to industry and media publications, book chapters and conference papers. His defamation and corporate reputation research was cited by the Scottish Law Commission's Discussion

Paper on Defamation.

In 2017 Peter was elected to the Executive Committee of the Society of Legal Scholars and in 2018 he joined the Editorial Board of the leading journal Communications Law.



Qualifications/Education

PhD Candidate, University of Leeds

Senior Fellow of the Higher Education Academy: 2016

Postgraduate Certificate in Teaching and Learning in Higher Education: 2014

LLM: Distinction, 2011

PgDipLaw (Bar Vocational Course): Very Competent, 2007

LLB (Hons): First Class, 2005

Peter is a member of The Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn and was the recipient of a Hardwicke Entrance Scholarship and Lord Denning (Major BVC Award) Scholarship.

Memberships/Appointments

Member of the Editorial Board of Communications Law (July 2018 to present)

Research Associate, Information Law and Policy Centre, Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, University of London (May 2018 to present)

Elected member of the Executive Committee of the Society of Legal Scholars (September 2017 to present)

Senior Fellow of the Higher Education Academy (from 2014 to 2016 Peter was a Fellow of the HEA and in 2016 he was made a Senior Fellow)

The Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn

Publications/Articles

Selected publications:

Social media, citizen journalism, free speech, media regulation, data protection and privacy:

Coe, *(Re)embracing social responsibility theory as a basis for free speech: shifting the normative paradigm for a modern media*, Northern Ireland Legal Quarterly (2018), 69(4), 403-431.

Coe, *Anonymity and Pseudonymity: Free Speech's Problem Children*, Media & Arts Law Review (2018) 22(2) 173-200.

Coe, *A right to private life at work? A tale of a Romanian, the European Court of Human Rights and the GDPR*, New Law Journal 2nd February 2018.

Coe, *Redefining 'media' using a 'media-as-a-constitutional-component' concept: An evaluation of the need for the European Court of Human Rights to alter its understanding of 'media' within a new media landscape*, Legal Studies (2017) Vol. 37, No. 1, 25-53.

Coe, *National security and the fourth estate in a brave new social media world* in L. Scaife (ed), *Social Networks as the New Frontier of Terrorism #Terror*, (Routledge, 2017).

Coe, *Facebook's Frankenstein's Monster: freedom of expression and the problem with fake news and violent and sexual content*, Inform, 24th May 2017.

Coe, *The Doctor will tweet you now - but should he face disciplinary action for doing so?*, The Conversation, 21st March 2016.

Coe, *Why Children Need Social Media Lessons*, The Conversation, 1st November 2016/The Independent, 2nd November 2016.

Coe, *The social media paradox: an intersection with freedom of expression and the criminal law*, Information & Communications Technology Law (2015) Vol. 24, Issue 1, 16-40.

Defamation and corporate reputation:

Coe and Brown, *What's in a name? The case for protecting the reputation of businesses under Article 1 Protocol 1 of the European Convention on Human Rights* (forthcoming).

Coe, *A Comparative Analysis of the Treatment of Corporate Reputation in Australia and the UK* in P.Wragg and A. Koltay (eds), *Research Handbook on Comparative Privacy & Defamation Law* (Edward Elgar Publishing, forthcoming).

Coe, *The Defamation Act 2013: We need to talk about Corporate Reputation*, *Journal of Business Law*, (2015), Issue 4, 313-334.

Coe, *The Defamation Act 2013 and CPR 3.4 and 24: A sting in causation's tail*, *Entertainment Law Review* (2014) 25 (3), 93-96.

Coe, *The Value of Corporate Reputation and the Defamation Act 2013: A brave new world or road to ruin?*, *Communications Law* (2013) 18.4, 113-121.

Coe, *The Defamation Act 2013: corporate claimants and causation, a debate*, *Inform*, 10th February 2014.

Coe, *Defamation Act 2013: The value of corporate reputation*, *Inform*, 22nd January 2014.
