



ALAN SIMMONDS SENIOR ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

QUALIFICATIONS

- Master of Laws (Intellectual Property and Data Protection Law), (Distinction and University Prize) - Dissertation: Public Policy and Data Subject Rights: Mind the Gap - the sufficiency and robustness of public policy support for the right to be informed
- Master of Business Administration - Dissertation: Information Technology Governance - A Model for Enablement and Advantage (awarded with Distinction)
- B.A. Hons (Clinical Psychology)
- B.Soc.Sc (Psychology and Industrial Sociology)
- Diploma (Datametrics)

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Cross-jurisdiction Data Protection
- Operating Model Transformation
- Risk management as it applies to the above.

CREDENTIALS

- Interim Head of Strategy and Development for a water utility (UK)
- Interim Head of GRC for national gas provider (UK)
- Governance charter and environment design for a global French engineering organisation's telecommunication €300m outsourcing contract (Paris)
- GDPR and Privacy specialist Global fast-food organisation (UK)
- Data Protection Specialist for Multinational Hotel, Coffee and Restaurant Group (UK)
- Operating Model Specialist and Enterprise Architect for FTSE 50 organisation (UK)

Alan serves as a statutory DPO (UK and Singapore), privacy and data protection professional focusing on the EU/UK GDPR, DPA 2018, ePrivacy/PECR, and related legislation and governance in the UK, Europe, and the ASEAN, assisting organisations manage their legal data protection challenges effectively and lawfully.

He was worked onsite with CG-Board in their engagement work ASEAN stock exchange delivering governance workshops to all listed mid-cap company directors, NEDs, CAEs, and RMC members. Additionally, he is an experienced professional with a comprehensive and pragmatic understanding of operating models and related risk. He believes that the operating model is at the core of organisational change, and that approaching and managing such change should be pragmatic, integrated, and deliver timely measurable benefit, and not be the subject of unproductive philosophical debate. He brings applied skills and experience from many sectors including accounting, education, financial, housing, food, freight, retail, hospitality, sporting, and medical technology.

His MBA dissertation 'Technology Governance - A Model for Enablement and Advantage', brings together considerable understanding of information management, architecture, and strategy. This is balanced from a legal perspective by his LLM (Data Protection and Intellectual Property) which helps him to assist organisations with addressing their regulatory and policy obligations from local to national level.

He has been a regular international conference speaker including for the International Association of Airline Internal Auditors (IAAIA, Borneo) on Framework Convergence, also the Institute of Internal Auditors (Singapore and Kuala Lumpur) on Auditing IT Governance and Managing Technology Risk, and for the Enterprise Risk Management Academy (ERMA, Indonesia) on Privacy Risk (he also serves on the Certification Board of ERMA).

Alan has spoken at several Open Group conferences, including on Accelerated Delivery (Paris) and the EA Practice (Kuala Lumpur).

Alan has contributed to several global standards, including TOGAF, COBIT, and OMDDMS.