

# PRIVACY POLICY

Sutovic & Hartigan Solicitors is registered as a Data Controller with the Information Commissioners Office. We will use the information that you give us to provide you with legal services, as per your instructions. We will keep your information confidential and will only use it for the purpose(s) for which it was provided or as is permitted in law (i.e. for dealing with complaints or regulatory investigations).

This privacy policy applies between our clients and Sutovic & Hartigan. Sutovic & Hartigan takes the privacy of your information very seriously. This privacy policy applies to our use of any and all Data collected by us or provided by you in relation to you and your case.

**Please read this privacy policy carefully.**

## Definitions and interpretation

1. In this privacy policy, the following definitions are used:

<b>Data</b>	Collectively all information that you provide or submit to Sutovic & Hartigan in connection with your case. This definition incorporates, where applicable, the definitions provided in the Data Protection Laws;
<b>Data Protection Laws</b>	Any applicable law relating to the processing of personal Data, including but not limited to the GDPR, and any national implementing and supplementary laws, regulations and secondary legislation;
<b>GDPR</b>	the UK General Data Protection Regulation;
<b>Sutovic &amp; Hartigan, we or us</b>	Sutovic & Hartigan of 271 High Street, W3 9BT;

2. In this privacy policy, unless the context requires a different interpretation:
  - a. the singular includes the plural and vice versa;
  - b. references to sub-clauses, clauses, schedules or appendices are to sub-clauses, clauses, schedules or appendices of this privacy policy;
  - c. a reference to a person includes firms, companies, government entities, trusts and partnerships;
  - d. "including" is understood to mean "including without limitation";
  - e. reference to any statutory provision includes any modification or amendment of it;
  - f. the headings and sub-headings do not form part of this privacy policy.

## Scope of this privacy policy

3. This privacy policy applies only to the actions of Sutovic & Hartigan in connection with your matter and with respect to this website. It does not extend to any websites that can be accessed from this Website including, but not limited to, any links we may provide to social media websites.

4. For purposes of the applicable Data Protection Laws, Sutovic & Hartigan is the "data controller". This means that Sutovic & Hartigan determines the purposes for which, and the manner in which, your Data is processed.

## **Data collected**

5. We may collect the following Data, which includes personal Data, from you:
  - a. name;
  - b. date of birth;
  - c. gender;
  - d. profession;
  - e. contact Information such as email addresses and telephone numbers;
  - f. demographic information such as postcode, preferences and interests;
  - g. financial information such as credit / debit card numbers;in each case, in accordance with this privacy policy.

## **How we collect Data**

6. We collect Data in the following ways:
  - a. data is given to us by you ; and
  - b. data is collected automatically.

## **Data that is given to us by you**

7. Sutovic & Hartigan will collect your Data in a number of ways, for example:
  - a. when you contact us through the Website, by telephone, post, e-mail or through any other means;
  - b. when you use our services;in each case, in accordance with this privacy policy.

## **Data that is collected automatically**

8. To the extent that you access the Website, we will collect your Data automatically, for example:
  - a. we automatically collect some information about your visit to the Website. This information helps us to make improvements to Website content and navigation, and includes your IP address, the date, times and frequency with which you access the Website and the way you use and interact with its content.

## **Our use of Data**

9. Any or all of the above Data may be required by us from time to time in order to provide you with the best possible service and experience when using our firm and our website. Specifically, Data may be used by us for the following reasons:

- a. To assist you with your legal matter, or to assess whether we are able to assist you with our services
- b. Internal record keeping;
- c. Improvement of our products / services;

in each case, in accordance with this privacy policy.

10. We may use your Data for the above purposes if we deem it necessary to do so for our legitimate interests. If you are not satisfied with this, you have the right to object in certain circumstances (see the section headed "Your rights" below).

## Who we share Data with

11. We may share your Data with the following groups of people for the following reasons:

- a. Third party service providers who provide services to us which require the processing of personal data - We may have to share some or all of your information with other third parties. This may include barristers; experts; and others who we need to instruct to assist us with your matter, such as the Legal Ombudsman (if you complain about our services) and the Solicitors Regulation Authority (the statutory body that regulates solicitors). In doing so we will always take care to ensure that your information remains confidential and safe. We will liaise with you during your case about which experts, barristers and other third parties we instruct on your behalf. ;
- b. Relevant authorities - If you are a client under the legal aid scheme then we may be required to share some or all of that information with the Legal Aid Agency and/or with our quality assurance auditors.

We may need to share some or all your information with quality assurance auditors for the purposes of their assessment of whether we are adhering to quality standards. Any examination will be strictly controlled and will be shared for the sole purpose of ensuring that our handling of your matter meets the requirements of the quality standard. ;

in each case, in accordance with this privacy policy.

## Keeping Data secure

12. We will use technical and organisational measures to safeguard your Data, for example:

- a. access to your account is controlled by a password and a username that is unique to you.
- b. we store your Data on secure servers.
- c. payment details are encrypted using SSL technology (typically you will see a lock icon or green address bar (or both) in your browser when we use this technology.

13. Technical and organisational measures include measures to deal with any suspected data breach. If you suspect any misuse or loss or unauthorised access to your Data, please let us know immediately by contacting us via this e-mail address: [contact@sutovichartigan.com](mailto:contact@sutovichartigan.com). If you want detailed information from Get Safe Online on how to protect your information and your computers and devices against fraud, identity theft, viruses and many other online problems, please visit [www.getsafeonline.org](http://www.getsafeonline.org). Get Safe Online is supported by HM Government and leading businesses.

## Data retention

- 15. Unless a longer retention period is required or permitted by law, we will only hold your Data on our systems for the period necessary to fulfil the purposes outlined in this privacy policy or until you request that the Data be deleted.
- 16. Even if we delete your Data, it may persist on backup or archival media for legal, tax or regulatory purposes.

17. We will only hold your information for as long as necessary to provide you with legal services and then for only so long as we are required either contractually or under our regulatory obligations. This will not likely be more than six years after the end of your case/matter. After this time, we will confidentially destroy all information that we hold about you.

## Storage

18. Finally, once your case has been closed, your file will be sent to storage. It will be stored for only so long as we are required either contractually or under our regulatory obligations. This will not likely be more than six years from the date it is sent to storage. Should you require a copy of your papers, there will be a small administrative charge for this.

## Your rights

19. You have the following rights in relation to your Data:
  - a. **Right to access** - the right to request (i) copies of the information we hold about you at any time, or (ii) that we modify, update or delete such information. If we provide you with access to the information we hold about you, we will not charge you for this, unless your request is "manifestly unfounded or excessive." Where we are legally permitted to do so, we may refuse your request. If we refuse your request, we will tell you the reasons why.
  - b. **Right to correct** - the right to have your Data rectified if it is inaccurate or incomplete.
  - c. **Right to erase** - the right to request that we delete or remove your Data from our systems.
  - d. **Right to restrict our use of your Data** - the right to "block" us from using your Data or limit the way in which we can use it.
  - e. **Right to data portability** - the right to request that we move, copy or transfer your Data.
  - f. **Right to object** - the right to object to our use of your Data including where we use it for our legitimate interests.
20. To make enquiries, exercise any of your rights set out above, or withdraw your consent to the processing of your Data (where consent is our legal basis for processing your Data), please contact us via this e-mail address: [contact@sutovichartigan.com](mailto:contact@sutovichartigan.com).
21. If you are not satisfied with the way a complaint you make in relation to your Data is handled by us, you may be able to refer your complaint to the relevant data protection authority. For the UK, this is the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). The ICO's contact details can be found on their website at <https://ico.org.uk/>.
22. It is important that the Data we hold about you is accurate and current. Please keep us informed if your Data changes during the period for which we hold it.

## Links to other websites

23. This Website may, from time to time, provide links to other websites. We have no control over such websites and are not responsible for the content of these websites. This privacy policy does not extend to your use of such websites. You are advised to read the privacy policy or statement of other websites prior to using them.

## Changes of business ownership and control

24. Sutovic & Hartigan may, from time to time, expand or reduce our business and this may involve the sale and/or the transfer of control of all or part of Sutovic & Hartigan. Data provided by Users will, where it is relevant to any part of our business so transferred, be transferred along with that part and the new owner or newly controlling party will, under the terms of this privacy policy, be permitted to use the Data for the purposes for which it was originally supplied to us.
25. We may also disclose Data to a prospective purchaser of our business or any part of it.
26. In the above instances, we will take steps with the aim of ensuring your privacy is protected.

## **General**

27. You may not transfer any of your rights under this privacy policy to any other person. We may transfer our rights under this privacy policy where we reasonably believe your rights will not be affected.
28. If any court or competent authority finds that any provision of this privacy policy (or part of any provision) is invalid, illegal or unenforceable, that provision or part-provision will, to the extent required, be deemed to be deleted, and the validity and enforceability of the other provisions of this privacy policy will not be affected.
29. Unless otherwise agreed, no delay, act or omission by a party in exercising any right or remedy will be deemed a waiver of that, or any other, right or remedy.
28. This Agreement will be governed by and interpreted according to the law of England and Wales. All disputes arising under the Agreement will be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English and Welsh courts.

## **Changes to this privacy policy**

29. Sutovic & Hartigan reserves the right to change this privacy policy as we may deem necessary from time to time or as may be required by law. Any changes will be immediately posted on the Website and you are deemed to have accepted the terms of the privacy policy on your first use of the Website following the alterations. You may contact Sutovic & Hartigan by email at [contact@sutovichartigan.com](mailto:contact@sutovichartigan.com).

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