

# Partner Lucy Blake Featured in *Edward Fennell's Legal Diary* on Big Tech's Duty to Protect Children Online

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London Partner [Lucy Blake](#) was featured in *Edward Fennell's Legal Diary*, where she commented on the growing pressure on Big Tech to do more to protect children online, following criticism of the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). Lucy's insights highlight the fundamental shift in how online harm is now regulated in the UK, and the significant legal and reputational risks facing platforms that fail to act.

Lucy offered her observations on what this means for major tech companies:

“This warning underscores a fundamental shift in how online harm is regulated. The UK’s Online Safety Act has already raised the bar by imposing sweeping duties on platforms to identify, assess and mitigate the risks of harmful content, backed by penalties of up to £18 million or 10% of global turnover. For major tech companies, the message is clear: proactive safety measures are no longer optional – platforms that fail to act decisively risk being seen not as neutral intermediaries, but as enabling harm to flourish.”

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Lucy helps clients prevent, investigate, respond to, and recover from all manner of wrongdoing, including non-financial misconduct and "ESG" risks arising from human rights impacts. Lucy frequently advises on multi-jurisdictional issues involving conflicts of laws and divergent legal, commercial, reputational, and political risks, including ESG and DEI compliance as well as parallel cross-border investigations by prosecutors and regulators.

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