

Partner Joanna Ludlam Featured in *City AM* on Pressure for Wider ICO Overhaul

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Partner Joanna Ludlam - Chair of Jenner & Block's London Public Law and Crisis Management Practice, Co-Chair of the firm's Global Hearing Preparation and Global Crisis Management and Strategic Risk practices, and Co-Chair of the firm's Investigations Department - was featured in *City AM*'s examination of the mounting pressure for a broader overhaul of the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) following John Edwards' resignation.

Drawing on her extensive experience in public law, Joanna framed the debate as a question of institutional design and governance, rather than personality or politics:

"The ICO's powers are only as meaningful as its willingness to use them. Strong leadership isn't optional for a regulator – it's central to its effectiveness."

She pointed to the ICO's transition to a board-led Information Commission as an opportunity for ministers to address the structural questions that have long shaped the regulator's reputation - provided new appointments bring genuine regulatory and technological expertise, rather than simply preserving continuity: "This is an opportunity to address the credibility deficit rather than simply manage a crisis."

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