

Partner Joanna Ludlam Quoted in *Sifted* on Regulatory Gaps Around AI Agents

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Partner Joanna Ludlam was quoted in a *Sifted* article examining why AI agents are outpacing the EU and UK's ability to regulate them, as autonomous systems increasingly plan multi-step tasks, interact with external software, and make decisions with limited human oversight.

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Joanna explained that agentic AI moved from research demonstration to mainstream deployment in under two years, far faster than legislation typically evolves. She also addressed the liability questions that arise when an autonomous agent causes loss across a chain of developers, providers, and deployers, noting that existing rules on contract, negligence, and product liability may eventually identify the responsible party, but only slowly and at considerable cost.

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