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In an increasingly complex digital landscape, legal firms must prioritise robust security measures to safeguard sensitive client data and maintain trust. This seminar will address the most pressing security imperatives for 2025, including effective data protection strategies, the responsible use of artificial intelligence, the adoption of Zero Trust frameworks, workforce training to mitigate human error, and comprehensive incident response planning.

Join us to gain critical insights and practical guidance tailored to the unique challenges faced by the legal sector.

Topics include:

- **Protect Client Data**
Encrypt, classify, and tightly control access.
- **Use AI Wisely**
Leverage AI for defence but guard against AI-driven attacks.
- **Adopt Zero Trust**
Verify every access request — no exceptions.
- **Train Your Team**
Human error drives 95% of breaches. Awareness is key.
- **Be Incident-Ready**
Plan, simulate, and recover fast to protect your firm.

DATE Tuesday 2nd December 2025
TIME 10.00am – 1.00pm
Light refreshments from 9.30am
COST £100

REGISTRATION

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VENUE

Institute of Professional Legal Studies Queen's University Belfast, 10 Lennoxvale, Belfast, BT9 5BY

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3 CPD hours will be awarded for attendance at this seminar.

SPEAKER - SIMON WHITTAKER



Simon has been working in the IT industry for over 20 years, and co-founded Vertical Structure with Marc Dowie in 2006.

He has extensive experience helping companies understand how to grapple with the challenge of protecting themselves from threats and helping clients find solutions to their cyber security problems.

He helps organisations to understand their current security posture, their future goals and outlining how to achieve those goals. This includes working with companies on a long-term basis using coaching and mentoring techniques to help drive process improvement and provide external feedback.

Simon is a prolific public speaker. Recent presentations and panel sessions include "Protecting Manufacturing Assets from the increasing cybercrime threat - strategies to minimise cyber-attack", and "Vulnerability reporting - the good, the bad and the ugly" at the ONE Conference 2021 in the Netherlands.

Simon is host of the CyberTuesday® podcast