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Given their area of expertise, James & Wells are often instructed to advise on technical matters involving innovative products, services, designs and ideas. Considerations relating to data security, access and cyber threats are inherent in advice relating to modern innovation and the protection of commercially sensitive data so James & Wells have built up a wealth of knowledge in this area.

Owen applies this knowledge in drafting and negotiating the terms for a variety of agreements and policies dealing with or focusing on the collection and storage of, and access to sensitive data which is often hosted in cloud servers. Having migrated from a physical file system to a cloud based electronic system, James & Wells also have first-hand experience dealing with the complexities of cloud computing.

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