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The Core Immunity and its Extensions: Two Doors Shut, but Others Stay Open

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In *The Chief Constable of Sussex Police and the CPS v XGY* [2025] EWCA Civ 1230, a claimant's claims against the CPS and the police relating to a CPS advocate's disclosure of her address to her former partner during a bail hearing had been struck out at first instance, pursuant to the core immunity (the CPS) and an established extension (the police). In allowing an appeal from the High Court and restoring the first instance decision, the Court of Appeal clarified that where a claim falls within an established immunity category, it is not open to a claimant to invite the Court to consider whether the immunity is justified merely on the facts of the case. In this article, Chris Greenwood and Faye Metcalfe analyse the Court of Appeal's judgment and consider the potential avenues of exposure for lawyers and expert witnesses to claims by opponents in litigation which nevertheless remain.

Artificial Intelligence and Lawyers' Negligence

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The increasing use of AI by lawyers and other professionals is likely to give rise to questions as to whether existing principles of the law of professional liability are sufficient to deal with cases where the use of AI agents causes clients loss. This article suggests that, in cases where humans use AI as a tool, existing principles may be sufficient to deal with questions of liability, but that it may be different in cases where there is no intervention of a human being.