Protection of legal professional privilege in the digital age: "Put your trust in God but keep your powder dry"

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State of play

- ECtHR judgment in the case of SABER v NORWAY (459/18), 17 December 2020
- ECtHR judgment in the case of SÄRGAVA v ESTONIA (698/19), 16 November 2021
- ECtHR factsheet "Legal Professional Privilege", available at https://www.echr.coe.int/Documents/FS Legal professional privilege ENG.pdf

Food for Thought

Q1: What does "in confidence" mean these days?

Q2: When access to data is easy, can we actually claim it is protected?

Q3: Is labelling sufficient to separate privileged data from the rest?

Q4: Do you trust the government or mathematics?