# Norton Rose Fulbright instructs lawyers to avoid comments on Trump administration



Bosses at Norton Rose Fulbright, one of the UK’s largest legal practices, have implemented specific guidelines instructing their lawyers to refrain from commenting on the Trump administration in any client briefing documents. This directive signals an effort to navigate the complex political environment associated with the American president.

According to an email from Peter Scott, the London-based global managing partner of the firm, all fee-earners have been provided with a clear set of "dos and don’ts." The email, which has been seen by The Times, emphasises an avoidance of certain topics and types of language that could be deemed controversial. Specifically, lawyers were advised to “AVOID” mentioning the Trump administration in any context aside from factual references and to steer clear of using emotive language.

The move by Norton Rose Fulbright reflects a broader trend among prominent UK law firms with US connections, illustrating the careful balance they must maintain in their communications and business dealings. The timing of this internal policy becomes particularly relevant as it follows reports of another major law firm in the City agreeing to provide pro bono legal services to the White House, raising questions about the implications of such partnerships on public perception and professional responsibilities.

This development highlights the complex dynamics at play as legal firms seek to uphold their reputations while navigating an increasingly polarised political landscape. As firms adapt their strategies, the reactions and professional conduct of their legal teams remain under scrutiny.

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