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How data protection rules are impacting on civil litigation

Response to the Questionnaire:

1. Do you store digital data in your jurisdiction?

Yes. Most civil cases in the Danish Court System are today digitized. The District Courts and High Courts share the same newly developed digital case management system, called "Civilsystemet". The data consists of data collected from the parties of the case and data produced by the courts.

2. How is it stored and for how long?

In Denmark, data related to civil court cases is stored digitally in the form of physical servers and not via Icloud. At this time, this data is stored without an expiration date. In the near future, limitations to the storage of this data will probably be applied. Yet the data will not be deleted before the transfer of it to the National Archives of Denmark.

3. Who has access to the digital data in your jurisdiction?

First and foremost, the judges and caseworkers of the case in question have full access. Furthermore, the parties involved have a more limited access to the case material, meaning that they can access data where they are involved themselves, or granted access. Finally, access is granted for security cleared IT employees of the Courts.

4. Are there digital data protection rules in place in your jurisdiction?

Yes. The Courts of Denmark operate in accordance with the GDPR (General Data Protection Regulations) regulations by the EU.

5. Who covers the costs relating to the storage and protection of the digital data in jour jurisdiction?

The costs are covered by the financial allocations of the Danish Courts.