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# We need to stop privileging the Post Office - lessons from the Royal Mail Horizon IT Inquiry

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## Abstract

Explores the ways that legal professional privilege (LPP) has been used by Royal Mail to deal with complaints, and later litigation, concerning the Horizon IT system, drawing on findings from the Post Office Horizon IT Inquiry. Discusses the value of LPP and concerns about its use in the corporate setting. Suggests ways in which LPP could be reformed to prevent unmeritorious privilege claims.

## Organisations cited

Post Office; Royal Mail