

# Peter Hood

Counsel

*Trial and Global Disputes*

---

London: +44 20 7551 2107  
phood@kslaw.com



Peter is counsel in King & Spalding’s London office, specialising in public international law and business and human rights. He has represented states and businesses in some of the leading cases in his field, in the UK and internationally. In addition to his disputes practice, Peter also advises multinationals on human rights issues in their operations and supply chains, with a particular focus on the tech, telecoms and financial sectors.

Peter is recognised as a rising star in the fields of public international law and business and human rights.

His disputes practice ranges across jurisdictions and disciplines. He has represented clients in war crimes prosecutions brought under universal jurisdiction, tort claims involving extra-territorial environmental harm and in multiple cases at the European Court of Human Rights, including in the leading case on climate change and human rights.

Both in private practice and as a legal adviser to the UK Foreign Office, Peter has considerable experience advising on cross-cutting issues of extra-territorial jurisdiction and conflict of laws.

Drawing on experience gained in his disputes practice, Peter also advises businesses on how to identify and address human rights issues in their supply chains and operations. He has counselled clients in the AI and telecommunications sectors, including on issues relating to State interception, network shutdowns and misuse of their products and services by end users. He has counselled clients in the financial sector on links to environmental impacts caused by clients. And he has counselled clients in both the construction and engineering and garment sectors on how to identify and address modern slavery in complex international supply chains.

Across sectors, Peter has designed and delivered outcome focused training on human rights issues, supported clients to implement effective, proportionate human rights due diligence and advised them on how to comply with the relevant regulatory requirements.

Peter has published widely and spoken at events in the UK, at the UN, across Europe, as well as in Uganda and South Africa.

## Articles

June 2020 “**Business Views on Mandatory Human Rights Due Diligence Regulation: A Comparative Analysis of Two Recent Studies**” Smit, L., Bright, C., Pietropaoli, I. Jughes-Jennett,

J. Hood, P. *Business and Human Rights Journal*, 1-9 doi:10.1017/bhj.2020.10, Cambridge

March 2020 “**Kalma v African Minerals: English Court of Appeal Judgment Cuts Against the Grain of Common Law Cases on the Responsibility of Businesses for Overseas Human Rights Impacts**” *Blog of the European Journal of International Law*

“Business and Human Rights; Reflections from Practice” in **Derechos Humanos y Empresa: Balance Y Situación Actual Sobre el Cumplimiento de los Tres Pilares** Ovejero Puente, A. M. (ed.), Valencia (2020)

February 2020 “**A UK failure to prevent mechanism for corporate human rights harms**” *British Institute of International and Comparative Law*

July 2019 **Commentary on scope, prevention and legal liability provisions of the revised draft of the proposed binding treaty on business and human rights**, Business and Human Rights Resource Centre

May 2019 **The Implication of the UK Supreme Court’s Decision in Vedanta for the Management of Human Rights Risk in Overseas Operations and Supply Chains**, Oxford Business Law Blog

Dec 2017 - “**Jurisdiction and parent company liability: A Catch 22 for English domiciled companies**”, *Practical Law*, Thomson Reuters, Vol. XXVIII, Number 11

## Matters

**Government of Ukraine** in an inter-State case in the European Court of Human Rights relating to the annexation of Crimea (*Ukraine v Russia (re Crimea)* [20958/14 and 38334/18])

**Government of Ukraine** in an inter-State case against Russia in the European Court of Human Rights relating to human rights violations carried out by State forces and proxies in the Donbas region of Eastern Ukraine since the outbreak of armed conflict in the region in April 2014 (*Ukraine and Netherlands v Russia* [8091/16])

**Kadri Veseli**, formerly Chairman of the Kosovo Assembly and Head of Intelligence of the Kosovo Liberation Army, on charges of war crimes and crimes against humanity brought against him at the Kosovo Specialist Chambers

Syrian refugees, victims of terrorist attacks by the Al-Qaeda affiliated Al Nusra Front in Syria in a London High Court claim against two multinational Qatari banks, members of the Government of Qatar and two prominent Qatari businessmen accused of participating in a conspiracy to finance terrorist activity, in contravention of Syrian and international law

**Carles Puigdemont**, Catalan President in exile, in relation to violations of international law by the Government of Spain following the 2017 referendum and declaration of independence

**Marina Litvinenko** (aka Carter), the widow of Alexander Litvinenko, former officer of the Russian Federal Security Service, was poisoned by an FSB agent using the radioactive isotope Polonium in London in 2006, in a case brought against Russia at the European Court of Human Rights

Acted as Agent for the **UK Government** at the ECHR in *Duarte Agostinho and Ors, v. Portugal and Ors.*, the leading international case on climate change and human rights

Acted for the defence in the prosecution, brought in a European State pursuant to universal

jurisdiction, of two corporate executives for their alleged complicity in war crimes

Acted for **Redress** in the UK Supreme Court in *R v. TRA*, regarding torture by non-State actors and the scope of the UK's extra-territorial jurisdiction under the Convention Against Torture

Acted for the **Government of Ukraine** in an inter-State application at the European Court of Human Rights regarding the annexation of Crimea

Acted in the UK High Court in claims regarding the clean-up of oil spills in the Niger Delta

Advised on an internal investigation regarding allegations of forced displacement in the extractive sector

Led a human rights impact assessment for a multinational telecommunications company

Designed and delivered training on Modern Slavery to a multinational construction and engineering company

Advised clients in the financial and extractive sectors on complaints to the relevant National Contact Points regarding human rights impacts in their value chains

Drafted Modern Slavery Statements for clients across sectors, including in the construction and engineering, technology and garment sectors

## Credentials

### EDUCATION

Master of Laws (Public International Law), University of London, Distinction  
Postgraduate Diploma in Legal Practice, BPP University, Commendation  
Law Society Common Professional Examination, Northumbria University, Commendation  
Bachelor of Arts (Modern History), The University of Oxford, First Class

### ADMISSIONS

England and Wales

### LANGUAGES

French  
Spanish

## Recognition

Associate to Watch in Business and Human Rights Law

2021

---

Rising Star in Public International Law

LEGAL 500, 2020

---

Up and Coming Practitioner in Business and Human Rights Law

CHAMBERS AND PARTNERS GLOBAL RANKINGS, 2020

---

Brigid Cotter Prize for Master of Laws

## Insights

### ARTICLE

*July 14, 2021 • Source: Law360*

What G-7 Xinjiang Focus Means For UK And US Companies

### CLIENT ALERT

*August 4, 2021*

G7 Leaders Sharpen Focus on Labor Issues in Xinjiang: What Does This Mean for Multinational Businesses with Supply Chains in the Region?