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Carter-Ruck launches International Media Law Guide

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International Media Law Guide

The International Media Law Guide is a snapshot of the rights and remedies available for defamation and infringement of privacy in jurisdictions across the globe, written by experts who practise in the countries featured in the Guide. To contribute on a jurisdiction not yet covered, contact us at img@carter-ruck.com

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Carter-Ruck has launched an International Media Law Guide, which has been written by experts who practise in media law in the jurisdictions featured and will be an invaluable resource for those seeking to access information about the different rights and remedies available in this field globally.

The jurisdictional guide provides a unique tool enabling practitioners and other users to compare the different laws in place in multiple jurisdictions, covering information about liability, limitation, burden of proof, and remedies. It provides a fascinating insight into the different ways in which the laws of defamation and privacy have evolved in different jurisdictions, and how different regimes balance rights to freedom of expression with rights to protect reputation and privacy. [View the Guide.](#)



Instagram hacked? How to navigate the hijackers

Guy Martin and Persephone Bridgman Baker

With reports of Instagram hacking seemingly increasing, Carter-Ruck has represented a British artist to recover and protect his Instagram account after it was hacked.

Shortly prior to the hack, the client reached a follower count of over 27,000, making him eligible for a verified account. He applied to Instagram for verification. Shortly afterwards the hacking occurred. This seems to be a common theme in Instagram hacking cases: hackers are aware of the follower threshold for verification and often target accounts which have recently passed the threshold, in the knowledge of how important these verified accounts are for business owners. [Read more.](#)



PHIL HALL
Chairman



Emerging stronger from the pandemic

PHA Group Chairman Phil Hall provides insights on reputation management post pandemic.

The pandemic may no longer be headline news, but what can we learn from it as far as business recovery is concerned?

Arcadia, once the darling of the high street and Debenhams, which can trace its history back nearly 250 years, were among the early fallers, but thousands of companies have gone under. Covid has accelerated the demise of weaker brands and reputations have been trashed and businesses that seemed healthy a few months before were left fighting for survival. [Read more.](#)

Telegraph and Ian Austin apologise to Laura Murray and pay £40k damages over false anti-Semitism allegations

Mirror apologises and pays £75k damages to Ilian Stoimenov over repeated allegations of fraud

Ilian Stoimenov won his libel claim against

The Telegraph and Ian Austin (the former Labour MP and now member of the House of Lords) have provided a full apology to Laura Murray before Mr Justice Saini in the High Court in London, following Ms Murray's successful libel complaint over an article written by Ian Austin in December 2021 which alleged, entirely falsely, that Ms Murray was an anti-Jewish racist. This follows on from the publication of full apologies on the Telegraph website and Twitter. Ms Murray has also received £40,000 in damages, as well as her legal fees. [Read more.](#)

Ms Murray is represented by [Adam Tudor](#) and [Dominic Garner](#).

the publisher of the Daily Mirror relating to a series of articles published on mirror.co.uk and in the hard copy edition of the Daily Mirror, comprising a total of 11 publications published over a period of 9 months. The articles, several of which were illustrated by a large photograph of Mr Stoimenov, reported on the fraudulent activities of sham investment websites, and falsely linked several of them to Mr Stoimenov. [Read more.](#)

Mr Stoimenov is represented by [Nigel Tait](#) and [Mathilde Groppo](#).

Susan Hamblin wins her libel and data protection claim against The Sun

Ms Hamblin's complaint related to three articles and a video published in The Sun on 2 and 3 July 2020 and 14 June 2021, which reported on a US legal claim alleging abuse by Jeffrey Epstein. The joint Statement in Open Court read before Mr Justice Nicklin in the High Court on 5 May 2022 made it clear that Ms Hamblin had nothing to do with the events reported in the US legal claim and the allegations made against her were entirely untrue. [Read more.](#)

Ms Hamblin was represented by [Nigel Tait](#) and [Mathilde Groppo](#).

Mr David Kendrick and Ms Daisy Kendrick sue Mukesh Kapila over blog allegations

Mr David Kendrick and Ms Daisy Kendrick have brought legal proceedings against Professor Mukesh Kapila following publication on his blog of allegations regarding their dealings with the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS). The libel claim is brought in the High Court in London and substantial damages are being sought, together with an injunction prohibiting further publication of the libellous allegations. [Read more.](#)

Mr and Ms Kendrick are represented by [Cameron Doley](#), [François Holmey](#) and [Amber Courtier](#).

The Times apologises to Mike Ashley and pays substantial libel damages over "protected" phone records allegations

Mike Ashley, the CEO and majority shareholder of Frasers Group plc (formerly Sports Direct International plc), brought libel proceedings over a series of articles published by The Times in July 2020. The articles concerned claims made by the founder of the mobile telephone company Sport Mobile that his company had "protected" Mr Ashley's phone records in the context of 2017 High Court proceedings against Jeffrey Blue. The Times has apologised to Mr Ashley and has withdrawn its allegations. [Read more.](#)

Mr Ashley is represented by [Claire Gill](#) and [Dominic Garner](#).

Ontario Court of Appeal upholds dismissal of defamation action against Al Jazeera

The Court of Appeal for Ontario has dismissed an Appeal brought by the Rebel News Network against a Decision of 16 February 2021 to dismiss its defamation claim against Al Jazeera.

Al Jazeera Media Network relied on the Canadian "anti-SLAPP" legislation to win a motion to dismiss a defamation claim brought by Rebel News, a right-wing news organisation, that sued over allegations broadcast by Al Jazeera on its "Listening Post" programme in September 2019. [Read more.](#)

Al Jazeera is represented by [Claire Gill](#).

Carter-Ruck promotes Persephone Bridgman Baker to the Partnership

Carter-Ruck is pleased to announce that [Persephone Bridgman Baker](#) has been promoted to Partner and joined the partnership on 1 February 2022. Persephone joined the firm in 2015 from Allen & Overy LLP. She advises on a range of disputes, including media, commercial, international and IP. She has an in-depth understanding of coordinating reputation management matters for high-profile and ultra-high net worth individuals, encompassing the full suite of defamation, privacy and breach of confidence, harassment and data protection.



Coup 53 (Old Secrets cast Long Shadows) Film Documentary

[Guy Martin](#) and [Katherine Hooley](#) have advised the prominent film director Taghi Amirani and film editor Walter Murch (Apocalypse Now, The English Patient) on their award-winning historical documentary Coup 53. The film documents the CIA/MI6 sponsored coup in Iran which took place in August 1953 and tells the story of the overthrow of the democratically elected Prime Minister Mossadegh and his replacement by the Shah of Iran. [Read more.](#)



GUY MARTIN
Partner

Guy Martin on LBC Radio

[Guy Martin](#) spoke with LBC journalist Rachel Johnson on the widely reported libel proceedings between Johnny Depp and Amber Heard.

Guy provided a technical insight on the trial and on the significance of the fact that the Virginia court had jurisdiction over the claims. He explained the key differences between the UK and US libel law systems and why it is harder to prove libel in the US where the complainant is a public figure. [Listen to the recording.](#)



Persephone Bridgman Baker joins the Spear's Wealth Insight Forum panel

[Persephone Bridgman Baker](#) joined a panel of industry experts providing an analysis on reputation management and



Women Who Inspire Networking Event

[Persephone Bridgman Baker](#), [Helena Shipman](#) and [Mathilde Groppo](#) continue to host a series of Women Who Inspire networking breakfasts. Guest speakers

privacy issues surrounding “Modern families and the future of HNW divorce” with Spear’s editor Edwin Smith. [Watch the recording.](#)

have included Christina Blacklaws (former President of the Law Society), Alexandra Marks (Deputy High Court Judge) and Clare Murray (Founder & Managing Partner, CM Murray LLP), together with guests at Mortimer House.



ANTONIA FOSTER
Partner

Legal Media Commentary: Antonia Foster on BBC Radio and ITV

Antonia Foster has been interviewed widely on **BBC Radio 5**, BBC News 24 and ITV, joining journalists including Naga Munchetty, Adrian Chiles, Rick Edwards, Stephen Nolan and TV presenter Lorraine Kelly on ITV’s the Lorraine Show. Antonia provided her insights on the facts and developments in the highly publicised defamation trial brought by Rebekah Vardy against Coleen Rooney in the High Court and the legal issues facing both parties. Antonia also participated in the BBC Sounds Wagatha Christie Podcast in Episodes 4, 5, 6, 8 and 11. Listen to the [Podcast](#).

Carter-Ruck commended in The Times Best Law Firms 2022 List

Carter-Ruck is again recognised in The Times Best Law Firms 2022 listing for our core practice areas. This lists the top legal practices in England and Wales for business, public and private-client law. We are also commended for our Commercial Dispute Resolution, Entertainment and Sports practices. View The Times Best Law Firms 2022 listing [here](#).

Carter-Ruck recommended in The 2022 Spear’s Reputation Management Advisers’ Index

Adam Tudor, **Alasdair Pepper**, **Antonia Foster**, **Claire Gill**, **Nigel Tait**, **Rebecca Toman** and **Persephone Bridgeman Baker** are featured in the 2022 Spear’s Reputation Management Advisers’ Index as Top Recommended Reputation and Privacy lawyers for high net worth individuals.

Our Reputation Management, Defamation & Privacy Team

Carter-Ruck has unrivalled experience of the media industry in the UK and internationally which has been developed over decades of helping individuals and organisations facing adverse or intrusive media interest.

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