



Special Adviser on Darfur

Short Bio. | Mrs Amal Clooney



Mrs Amal Clooney is a barrister at Doughty Street Chambers specializing in international law and human rights. She represents victims of international crimes, with a focus on victims of sexual and gender-based violence, and has appeared before the International Criminal Court (“ICC”), the International Court of Justice and the European Court of Human Rights.

She recently served as the Legal Representative of Victims on behalf of 126 survivors of crimes committed in Darfur, Sudan, in the case against Janjaweed leader, Ali Kushayb at the ICC. She also represents Yazidi victims of genocide in national courts including in the first genocide case against an ISIS member in Germany. She previously worked on the *Milošević* trial at the UN International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, and as a prosecutor at the Special Tribunal for Lebanon.

Mrs Clooney has also been counsel to the UN Special Rapporteur on Counter-Terrorism and Human Rights, legal advisor at the UN International Independent Investigation Commission, and a senior adviser to Kofi Annan on Syria. She is appointed to the UK Attorney-General’s Panel of Experts in Public International Law and to the UK government’s expert panel on Sexual Violence in Conflict. She has also practiced as a criminal defence lawyer in the US and the UK and has helped to secure freedom for political prisoners around the world.

Mrs Clooney is co-author (with Philippa Webb) of the textbook *The Right to a Fair Trial in International Law* published by Oxford University Press in 2020. She is a Visiting Professor at Columbia Law School, co-founder of the *Clooney Foundation for Justice*, and was formerly a litigation associate at Sullivan & Cromwell LLP in New York.

