



Special Adviser Without Portfolio

Short Bio. | Amal Clooney



Amal Clooney is a barrister who specialises in international law and human rights. She represents victims of international crimes and has appeared before the International Criminal Court, the International Court of Justice and the European Court of Human Rights. She is the co-founder of the Clooney Foundation for Justice, which provides free legal support to victims of human rights abuses in over 40 countries, and she has secured the freedom of many political prisoners including journalists around the world. She is described in the legal directories [*Legal 500*](#) and [*Chambers and Partners*](#) as ‘one of the finest advocates for the rights of victims’ internationally and ‘in a league of her own at the Bar’.

Ms Clooney has represented victims of mass atrocities including genocide and sexual violence in many landmark cases. She has represented victims of ISIS in the only three trials in the world in which in which ISIS members have been convicted of genocide and in five other trials convicting ISIS members of war crimes and crimes against humanity. She also represents over 400 Yazidis in the first civil case in a U.S. court seeking to hold ISIS financiers responsible for supporting the genocide.

Ms Clooney was counsel to 126 victims of crimes against humanity in Darfur, Sudan, in the case against military commander Ali Kushayb at the International Criminal Court, and later served as the Prosecutor’s first Special Adviser on Darfur. She has led a Legal Task Force on [Accountability for Crimes Committed in Ukraine](#) established at

the request of the government of Ukraine to advise on criminal trials and compensation for war crimes committed by Russian forces. She represents a state in proceedings before the International Court of Justice related to genocide committed in Myanmar against the Rohingya. And she secured a groundbreaking compensation package for dozens of women in Malawi who were victims of sexual violence while working on tea plantations. 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. She is also a member of the UK's team of experts on preventing sexual violence in conflict zones and the UK Attorney General's panel of experts on public international law.

Ms Clooney is an Adjunct Professor at Columbia Law School and a Senior Fellow at the Columbia Law School Human Rights Institute. He has co-authored (with Professor Philippa Webb) the award-winning legal textbook [*The Right to a Fair Trial in International Law*](#). Her latest publication, [*Freedom of Speech in International Law*](#) (with former UK Supreme Court President David Neuberger) was published by Oxford University Press in January.