

MAKING STRIDES TOWARDS UK ANTI-SLAPP LAW AND CRACKDOWN ON ATTORNEYS WHO BRING SLAPP SUITS

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In recent years, the European Union and United Kingdom governments have become more attuned to the significant harm SLAPP suits cause to human rights and the rule of law. With the issuance of the EU Model Anti-SLAPP law by the European Commission on April 27, 2022, the continent appears poised to address this unique form of judicial harassment with legislation by 2023-24. Additionally, between the war in Ukraine and the unabashed use of the London court system by Russian oligarchs determined to punish anyone (British citizen or not) who speaks the truth about their ties to Russian President Vladimir Putin or corruption, the UK has also decided to prioritize addressing this affront to the rule of law with Anti-SLAPP legislation and holding lawyers to account.

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