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Paul Erdunast

Year of Call: 2018

Practice Areas

- Automated and Electric Vehicle (AEV) Law
- Civil Fraud
- Costs
- Credit Hire
- Extradition
- Health & Safety
- Inquiries
- Insurance
- Personal Injury
- Public International Law
- Public Law

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Experience

Paul has a broad practice across Chambers' areas, spanning both private and public law.

Paul is regularly instructed on behalf of both claimants and defendants in fast track trials, CCMCs, applications and a range of other hearings in personal injury and credit hire matters. This includes where there are allegations of fundamental dishonesty.

He maintains a busy written practice on issues in line with Chambers' areas, with experience of drafting advices and pleadings in high-value personal injury and complex civil fraud matters during pupillage.

Public International Law

Paul is currently acting on behalf of the East Turkistan Government in Exile in their complaint to the International Criminal Court regarding allegations of genocide and crimes against humanity being perpetrated against the Uyghur and other Turkic peoples in China, led by Rodney Dixon QC and Anne Coulon. He has spoken publicly on an expert panel regarding China's treatment of the Uyghur people.

Extradition

Paul represents requested persons in final extradition hearings, first appearances and bail hearings. His experience in immigration law means he is able to identify and understand

where immigration matters may intersect with the extradition case.

Inquiries

Paul is instructed as a junior to the Brook House Inquiry.

Immigration

Prior to joining Chambers, Paul was Legal and Parliamentary Officer at ILPA. Paul delivered training on immigration law to MPs' caseworkers, spoke at conferences on the EU Settlement Scheme, and provided ILPA members with updates on new developments within immigration. As a caseworker at the AIRE Centre, Paul advised EU migrants on their residence rights, and co-authored interventions at the European Court of Human Rights in *ND and NT v Spain* (apps. nos. 8675/15 and 8697/15) and *Chowdhury and Others v Greece* (app. no. 21884/15). He has lectured on asylum law at London South Bank University, and has regularly written articles on immigration law for *Free Movement* and the *UK Human Rights Blog*. He is therefore well-placed to accept instructions on behalf of claimants in immigration and asylum cases.

Education

- BA (Hons), Classics, Worcester College, University of Oxford (2014)
- GDL, City Law School: Distinction, 3rd place in year (2015)
- LLM, Sidney Sussex College, University of Cambridge: 1st class (2017)
- BPTC, BPP Law School: Very Competent (2018)

Memberships

- Immigration Law Practitioners' Association (ILPA)
- Personal Injuries Bar Association (PIBA)
- Defence Extradition Lawyers' Forum (DELF)

Publications

TG Chambers launches Automated and Electric Vehicle law blog, aevlaw.com

08/07/2021

Authors: Alex Glassbrook Emma Northey Anthony Johnson Scarlett Milligan Paul Erdunast

Chambers is delighted to announce the launch of its Automated and Electric Vehicle Law blog, aevlaw.com Edited by Alex Glassbrook and Emma Northey, the blog features articles by members of the TGC AEV law team including Scarlett Milligan, Anthony Johnson and Paul Erdunast, as well as guest expert comment (this month on accident reconstruction evidence in AEV cases, from Iwan Parry of TRL). You can subscribe to the blog at aevlaw.com

TGC Costs Update - Vol 7 December 2020

17/12/2020

Authors: Matthew Waszak Richard Boyle Simon Browne QC Richard Wilkinson James Laughland Sian Reeves Anthony Johnson Lionel

Stride Robert Riddell Ellen Robertson James Yapp Paul Erdunast

Please see link below to the latest TGC Costs newsletter.

You can view the publication at https://tgchambers.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/TGC064_Costs_Newsletter_Vol_VII_v2.pdf

P. Erdunast, 'The Multiple Legal Sources Of The Common Law Right Of Access To The Courts', [2018] Public Law 427

06/10/2020

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N. Mole, M. Papadouli and P. Erdunast, 'Push Backs at the Border: The Prohibition of Collective Expulsions and of Non Refoulement', [2015] Aire Centre Human Rights Legal Bulletin, Issue 3

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News

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You can subscribe to the blog to receive notifications on all new content posted. We hope you enjoy reading, and welcome any feedback.

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New Evidence submitted to the ICC on behalf of Uyghurs

10/06/2021

Barristers involved: Rodney Dixon QC Anne Coulon Paul Erdunast

The new evidence concerns inter alia the mass deportation of Uyghurs living in Tajikistan (an ICC State Party) by Chinese authorities into China, where they have not been heard from again. The fact that the crimes were committed on the territory of an ICC State Party and continued into China provides the Court with jurisdiction to investigate and prosecute these crimes. The filing follows an extensive on the ground investigation over the past months in various countries, which is ongoing.

Links to news reports here:

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/china-accused-of-seizing-uyghurs-who-fled-abroad-r9lfc2qfn>

https://www.google.co.uk/amp/s/www.washingtonpost.com/politics/lawyers-urge-icc-to-probe-alleged-crimes-against-uyghurs/2021/06/10/f26a9cf2-c9cf-11eb-8708-64991f2acf28_story.html%3foutputType=amp

Pupillage at TGC - Q&A via Zoom on 21st January 2021

08/01/2021

Barristers involved: Ellen Robertson Harry Peto Paul Erdunast

We will have three barristers in attendance – Ellen Robertson, a member of Chambers' Pupillage Committee, and Harry Peto and Paul Erdunast, who both joined Chambers in October 2020 after successfully completing their pupillages at TGC.

This is a chance to ask any questions you have about pupillage, applications and life at TGC.

If you would like to attend, please email er@tgchambers.com by midday on Wednesday 20 January 2021 with the subject line "Pupillage Q&A event". You will then be emailed a Zoom link shortly before the event. The dress code is informal.

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We hope you find this an interesting and helpful read.

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TGC Welcomes New Tenants

07/10/2020

Barristers involved: Mary-Teresa Deignan Paul Erdunast Harry Peto
Temple Garden Chambers is delighted to announce that [Mary-Teresa Deignan](#) has accepted an invitation to join chambers. Mary-Teresa specialises in professional discipline and health and safety with a particular focus on the healthcare sector.

TGC is also delighted to announce that [Paul Erdunast](#) and [Harry Peto](#) have accepted invitations to join chambers after successfully completing pupillage.

ICC Uyghur Complaint is widely supported

12/08/2020

Barristers involved: Rodney Dixon QC Anne Coulon Paul Erdunast
Media outlets around the world have reported on the filing. The news reports have highlighted that credible evidence of serious international crimes has been submitted to the Prosecutor including in respect of the alleged deportation of Uyghurs by the Chinese authorities from outside of China into East Turkestan, and that the scale and gravity of the crimes warranted a full investigation to be opened by the Prosecutor. The links to certain of the news articles are here:

- The Guardian – Exiled Uyghurs call on ICC to investigate Chinese ‘genocide’ in Xinjiang <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/jul/07/exiled-uyghurs-call-on-icc-to-investigate-chinese-genocide-in-xinjiang>
- The Independent – Exiled Uyghurs push for ICC to investigate ‘genocide’ in Xinjiang <https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/asia/uyghur-china-exiles-icc-genocide-crimes-against-humanity-complaint-a9606921.html>
- The Times – Uyghurs seek genocide charges against Beijing <https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/uyghurs-seek-genocide-charges-against-beijing-cq6hdrjcc>
- Al Jazeera English – Uyghur group urges ICC to probe alleged China genocide <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TBWJbvaVcYY>
- New York Times – Uyghur Exiles Push for Court Case Accusing China of Genocide <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/07/06/world/asia/china-xinjiang-uyghur-court.html>
- RFI Radio France Internationale – Dossier Ouïghour à la CPI : «Nos éléments de preuve sont accablants», selon l’avocate Anne Coulon <https://www.rfi.fr/fr/asie-pacifique/20200723-ouighours-dossier-cpi-chine-avocate-anne-coulon>
- Libération – CPI: timide Espoir pour les Ouïghours et les Rohingyas https://www.google.nl/amp/s/www.liberation.fr/amphtml/planete/2020/08/03/timide-espoir-pour-les-ouighours-et-les-rohingyas_1795972
- Forbes – <https://www.forbes.com/sites/ewelinaochab/2020/07/07/could-the-international-criminal-court-investigate-atrocities-against-the-uyghur-muslims-in-china/#2b1e1a932cbe>
- Washington Post – <https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/global-opinions/whats-happening-in-xinjiang-is-genocide/2020/07/06/cde3f9da-bfaa->

[11ea-9fdd-b7ac6b051dc8_story.html](#)

- BBC Newsnight - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p08l1dhw>
- CNN - <https://edition.cnn.com/2020/07/30/asia/xinjiang-sterilization-women-human-rights-intl-hnk/index.html>
- Wall Street Journal - <https://www.wsj.com/articles/representatives-of-chinas-uighurs-file-evidence-to-international-criminal-court-11594078290>

Many Governments have since spoken out against the crimes being committed against the Uyghur peoples. In the United Kingdom, Prime Minister Boris Johnson has recently stated that the UK Government has “serious concerns about the treatment of the Uyghurs and about the human rights abuses”, while Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab denounced the “gross, egregious human rights violations”.

The ICC Prosecutor is currently considering the Complaint that has been filed to determine whether to apply to the Judges to open an investigation. Rodney Dixon QC, Anne Coulon and Paul Erdunast are representing the East Turkistan Government in exile in these proceedings before the ICC.

Complaint filed at International Criminal Court (ICC) on behalf of the East Turkistan Government in Exile

08/07/2020

Barristers involved: Rodney Dixon QC Anne Coulon Paul Erdunast

China is not a State Party to the ICC Statute. The Prosecutor can however exercise jurisdiction over these alleged crimes due to the evidence presented in the Complaint that they are continuing crimes which started in Tajikistan and Cambodia, which are both ICC States Parties, where Uyghurs were rounded up by the Chinese authorities and deported to China to be imprisoned in mass detention centres. The Prosecutor has indicated that she is now considering the Complaint in order to decide whether to take the case forward.

See links :

[New York Times](#);

[The Guardian](#);

[The Wall Street Journal](#).