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Overview

Scott Gilmore is a leading international human rights litigator who holds powerful institutions accountable for mass atrocities, terrorism financing, and other grave violations of international law. He represents victims of genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes, and terrorism in complex, high-stakes litigation against multinational corporations, financial institutions, and sovereign actors. His work has helped secure historic jury verdicts and advance novel legal theories in some of the most challenging cases in the world, winning close to \$400 million in judgments and settlements.

Throughout his career, Scott has focused on litigating some of the most complex disputes involving foreign sovereign immunity, extraterritorial jurisdictions, multinational defendants, and grievous human rights abuses. He has taken on heads of state, foreign governments, and some of the world's largest banks, overcoming jurisdictional and immunity defenses to bring claims on behalf of victims who otherwise would have no access to justice. His practice frequently involves navigating foreign legal systems, coordinating cross-border investigations, and building evidentiary records in environments shaped by conflict and political instability.

Among his recent victories, Scott played a central role on the team that secured a landmark \$20.75 million jury verdict against BNP Paribas for financing genocide in Sudan—the first trial in history to hold an international bank responsible for supporting genocide. He worked on the case from motion practice through trial, helping develop the legal theories under foreign law, build the evidentiary record, and shape the strategy that carried the case to verdict. The litigation required distilling a complex record of atrocities and international financial transactions into a clear, compelling narrative for jurors. The verdict marked a watershed moment in human rights litigation and paved the way for tens of thousands of survivors to pursue further recovery.



In addition to his human rights practice, Scott works on cutting-edge matters involving climate and environmental harms, emerging technology, cybersecurity, and antitrust claims, bringing the same strategic discipline to high-stakes disputes across industries.

Before joining DiCello Levitt, Scott was a partner at a leading international disputes firm, where he led complex class and individual litigation and appeals involving human rights, sanctions and anti-terrorism claims, environmental and climate harms, data privacy, intellectual property, and antitrust matters. During his tenure there, he built and litigated headline-grabbing cases and led significant international legal efforts, including negotiating a cross-border dispute that resulted in the extradition of ISIS terrorists to the United States to stand trial for the murder of American hostages. He also contributed to drafting provisions of the Ukraine Invasion War Crimes Deterrence and Accountability Act (2022), extending extraterritorial jurisdiction under the federal War Crimes Statute.

Earlier in his career, Scott investigated and led groundbreaking human rights litigation at the Center for Justice and Accountability, pursuing claims under the Alien Tort Statute, Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act, and Electronic Communications Privacy Act at the trial, appellate, and Supreme Court levels. There, he secured the first-ever war crimes judgment against Syria for the assassination of U.S. journalist Marie Colvin and successfully reinstated torture claims on appeal against former Haitian dictator Jean-Claude “Baby Doc” Duvalier.

In addition to his litigation practice, Scott serves as an adjunct professor at Georgetown Law, where he teaches human rights law and international investigations. He is fluent in French and is an accomplished rock and jazz musician.

Practice Areas

ANTITRUST AND COMPETITION LITIGATION

CIVIL AND HUMAN RIGHTS LITIGATION

CLASS ACTION LITIGATION

ENVIRONMENTAL LITIGATION

MASS TORT LITIGATION

PRIVACY, TECHNOLOGY, AND CYBERSECURITY

PUBLIC CLIENT

WHISTLEBLOWER LITIGATION

Education

George Washington University Law School, J.D., high honors, Order of the Coif Oxford

University, Certificate in International Human Rights Law McGill University, B.A.

Representative Matters

Kashef v. BNP Paribas. As class counsel, led trial court and appellate arguments on class certification and foreign law and spearheaded evidentiary strategy culminating in a plaintiffs' verdict in the first bellwether trial for a class of over 23,000 Sudanese-American genocide survivors.

Sacchi, et al. v. Argentina, et al. Served as Lead Counsel representing 16 children from around the world in international proceedings before the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child alleging violations of children's rights to life, health, and culture by five G20 member states whose failure to reduce carbon emissions is perpetuating climate change.

Padre, et al. v. MVM. Served as Lead Counsel representing families that were unlawfully separated under the Department of Homeland Security's unconstitutional family separation policy. The defendant in this class action lawsuit is MVM Inc., the private security contractor that transported thousands of migrant children away from their parents. The plaintiffs brought human rights claims for safe conduct violations, torture, and cruel and inhumane treatment under the Alien Tort Statute, among other claims.

Colvin v. Syrian Arab Republic. Served as Lead Counsel, winning a \$303.6 million judgment against the Syrian government on behalf of the family of Marie Colvin, a war correspondent for the *Sunday Times* who was tracked, targeted, and killed in 2012 by Syrian government forces.

Henkin, et al. v. Kuveyt Turk Katilim Bankasi A.S. Served as Lead Counsel representing victims and families harmed in terrorist attacks by Hamas, pursuing Anti-Terrorism Act claims against a Turkish bank accused of financing terrorism.

People of the State of Michigan v. BP p.l.c., et al. Served as Special Assistant Attorney General representing the State of Michigan in a federal antitrust action against ExxonMobil, Chevron, Shell, BP, and the American Petroleum Institute, alleging a coordinated scheme to delay the transition from fossil fuels to renewable energy. The complaint asserts that the defendants colluded to stifle competition from wind and solar power and to suppress information about the dangers of climate change, contributing to rising energy costs and harming Michigan consumers.

Helena World Chronicle, LLC v. Google LLC and Alphabet Inc. Central member of the team that developed and filed a class action antitrust lawsuit on behalf of news publishers alleging that Google's search monopoly unlawfully siphons publishers' content, readers, and advertising revenue in violation of federal antitrust laws.

Awards & Honors

500 Leading Global Litigators, *Lawdragon* (2026)

500 Global Plaintiff Lawyers, *Lawdragon* (2026)

500 Leading Environmental Lawyers, *Lawdragon* (2021-2026)

500 Leading Plaintiff Consumer Lawyers, *Lawdragon* (2022-2026)

500 Leading Global Litigators, *Lawdragon* (2023-2025)

Lawyer of the Week, *Times of London* (Feb. 2019)

Publications & Presentations

Publications

“Large Language Models and Generative AI,” *Concurrences*, Vol. 10, Feb. 2024 (nominated for antitrust writing awards) (co-authors Luke Streatfield and Shahrina Quader)

“Introductory Note on UNSC Resolution 2379: The UN Investigative Team for Iraq,” *International Legal Materials*, American Society of International Law, 2018

“Sanction and Socialize: Military Command Responsibility and Corporate Accountability for Atrocities,” *Corporate Social Responsibility? Human Rights in the New Global Economy*, University of Chicago Press, August 2015

“Suing the Surveillance States: The (Cyber) Tort Exception to the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act,” 46 *Columbia Human Rights Law Review* 227, 2015.

“Remembering the Holocaust, reckoning with today’s atrocities,” *The Hill*, Congress Blog, Apr. 16, 2015

Presentations

Panelist, “Terrorism Claims,” Epiq’s Mass & Class Conference, February 13, 2025

Panelist, “Hawar – A Cry for Help: Screening and Panel Discussion on Daesh’s Attack on Iraq’s Yazidi Community,” United Nations, ECOSOC, UN Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary General on Sexual Violence in Conflict in collaboration with the German and Iraqi Permanent Missions to the UN, Dec. 19, 2017

Panelist, “International Criminal Justice: Achievements and Challenges, In Syria and Beyond.” UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office, July 17, 2017

Presenter, “Digital Rights, Digital Repression: The Dual Roles of Technology in Human Rights,” Google – San Francisco, Oct. 19, 2016

Presenter, “Corporate Social Responsibility and International Criminal Justice,” American Society for Legal History Conference, October 30, 2015

Panelist, “70 Years After Nuremberg: New Challenges for International Criminal Justice,” U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, October 21, 2015

Panelist, “Accountability in Sri Lanka,” U.S. Senate Human Rights Caucus, September 15, 2015

Admissions & Memberships

Bar Admissions

California

Washington, DC

Court Admissions

U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit

U.S. District Court, District of Columbia

U.S. District Court, Central District of California

U.S. District Court, Northern District of California

U.S. District Court, Southern District of California

California Supreme Court

District of Columbia Court of Appeals

Memberships

American Bar Association