

Global Magnitsky: Targeted Human Rights and Anti-Corruption Sanctions

Online Training

15 October 2020

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Agenda

**15:00 CET
(8:00 EST)**

Opening

Ruslan Stefanov, Director of the Economic Program, Center for Study of Democracy / SELDI Knowledge and Outreach Coordinator, Bulgaria

**15:05 CET
(8:05 EST)**

Introduction to Global Magnitsky

Scott Johnston, Associate Attorney for Human Rights Accountability, Human Rights First

Key topics:

- What type of sanctions could CSOs in Europe propose, based on the ones authorized under the Global Magnitsky Act, in order to hold accountable corrupt actors, create diplomatic leverage, and pressure governments to reform?
- Which are the main steps of preparing a case file out of evidence?
- How could CSOs work jointly with journalists, witnesses, and corruption victims (including in the framework of the Human Rights First's NGO coalition)?
- What other law enforcement mechanisms could CSOs utilise?
- Which are the best advocacy strategies to promote the suggested sanctions?
- How could CSOs hold governments accountable for political, short-sighted, or hypocritical exercise of sanctions?
- How could CSOs review sanctions for effectiveness and promote changes to specific legislation?

**16:00 CET
(9:00 EST)**

Q&A Session

Moderator: **Snezana Kamilovska Trpovska**, Project coordinator, Macedonian Center for International Cooperation

**16:30 CET
(09:30 EST)**

Closing



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About the speaker



Scott Johnston

Associate Attorney for Human Rights Accountability

Scott is a member of the Foreign Policy Team at Human Rights First engaging US government actors on the ways that American law and federal policy affect human rights outcomes internationally. Scott manages the day-to-day operations of HRF's human rights and anti-corruption sanctions coalition, a global network of over 250 NGOs that use legal mechanisms like the Global Magnitsky Act to create accountability for serious human rights abuses and corruption perpetrated by malign actors around the world. The core of his work involves training NGOs regarding sanctions, consulting with them on whether or not pursuing sanctions accountability fits their advocacy model, guiding NGOs through crafting case packages against specific perpetrators to submit to the US government, and liaising with government officials on enforcement.

Scott received his JD from Columbia Law School, where he was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar and Executive Editor of the Journal of Law and Social Problems. While at CLS, he also served on the Student Advisory Committee of the Human Rights Institute and was a member of the Human Rights Clinic's Central African Republic Team. During his law school summers, he interned on a defense team at the Special Tribunal for Lebanon and at HRF on the National Security Team.

Prior to law school, Scott was the director of a Ford Foundation project recording oral histories of formerly incarcerated Americans and creating presentations on mass incarceration for college campuses. Previously, he lived and worked for three years in Brazil. He has a B.A. in Sociology from Harvard University with a Secondary Field in Portuguese Language and Literature.

For more information on the topic: <https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/topics/global-magnitsky>

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