

## Jonathan Cooper OBE



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### Profile

Jonathan has particular expertise in the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights and human rights and equality rights in the EU. He has been instrumental in training public authorities and lawyers in the UK on the implementation of the Human Rights Act 1998 and was responsible for devising and carrying out human rights training for various UK government departments, including the Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO) and the Ministry of Justice (MoJ).

Jonathan is the General Editor, with Martha Spurrier, of Halsbury's Rights and Freedoms. He is the editor of one of the leading human right law journals, *European Human Rights Law Review* (Sweet & Maxwell), and co-editor (with Prof. Jeffrey Jowell) of *Understanding Human Rights Principles* (Hart Publications, 2001) and *Delivering Rights* (Hart Publications, 2003). He also co-edited *Legislating for Human Rights, a Guide to the Parliamentary Debates on the Human Rights Act 1998* (Hart Publications, 2000). In 2009 he co-edited with Madeleine Colvin, *Human Rights in the Investigation and Prosecution of Crime* (OUP).

### Education

BA (Hons)

LL.D honoris causa

Visiting Fellow at Bristol University for 2013 to 2014

## **Languages**

English

## **Related practice areas**

Administrative & Public Law

International Law & Arbitration

Children's Rights Group

## **Training and Teaching Programmes**

Jonathan has created human rights training programmes which are used around the world. Specifically, he devised and wrote the human rights and terrorism programme and manual for the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE). That manual, *Countering Terrorism, Protecting Human Rights*, was published in 2008. He has carried out counter-terrorism and human rights training programmes across Europe and Central Asia, including Georgia, Azerbaijan, Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Serbia and, regionally, for the Balkans as a whole.

Jonathan devised and was the course convener for the highly acclaimed Certificate in International Human Rights Law and Practice organised by the LSE. He has also carries out teaching and training for the Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law in Russia and the Slynn Foundation in Albania and Lithuania.

In 2007 he carried out a comprehensive human rights training programme for judges and prosecutors in the Turkish Military. He has also devised human rights training programmes for Sudanese government officials and also for lawyers in Syria, Cameroon, The Gambia and the Cayman Islands.

## **Human Rights**

Jonathan has been involved in a number of important human rights cases before the English courts and the European Court of Human Rights. These include *ex parte Smith & Grady*, *Weiss v Austria*, *Saeedi v Secretary of State for the Home Office*. Jonathan has advised the MoJ, the Home Office and the Department for Service Prosecutions on complex human

rights issues. He has also advised the Cayman Island authorities as well as those in Jersey. He advised the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre on human rights points in their successful bid to return Aboriginal remains from the Natural History Museum. Jonathan has also advised the Equality and Human Rights Committee on the impact of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights on the UK.

From 2005 to 2011 he was the chair of the Executive Committee of the Human Rights Lawyers' Association (HRLA). In 2011 he became Chief Executive of the Human Dignity Trust. He is also on The Times Law Panel. In 2007, Jonathan was awarded an OBE for services to human rights.

## Administrative and Public Law

Jonathan Cooper has advised the MoJ, MoD and the Home Office on aspects of UK government human rights policy. Similarly, he has advised on aspects of Jersey's criminal justice system for compliance with international human rights law.

## International Law

Jonathan has created international human rights training programmes which are used around the world. He works closely with the FCO, governments in other jurisdictions from Ireland to Turkey, as well as international organisations, such as the Council of Europe.