

Dominic Crossley, Dispute Resolution Partner and privacy law specialist, at Payne Hicks Beach features in The Spear's 500 for "Top Recommended Reputation Management Lawyer" and is listed as "Distinguished Individual" first published on 2 January 2016

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Having acted for the 53 core participant victims at the Leveson Inquiry, Crossley is deeply

concerned that the inquiry's suggested reforms have been given misleading interpretations, making the press regulation landscape an 'unnecessary battleground'.

Victims of unlawful publications, he says, are yet to understand how to bring forward the issues to press regulators. 'We're too far away from the solution that Leveson proposed,' he says.

The experienced litigator whom *Legal 500* calls a 'media heavyweight' represented Max Mosley in his dramatic landmark case in privacy law, and was again summoned by the former F1 boss in a claim against Google. He has also acted for a client who was sued by Morocco's Prince Hicham, as well as Lebanese businessman Issam Hourani.

'The ability and acceptability of anonymous postings have given rise to an enormous amount of abusive and intrusive publications,' says Crossley. 'It's not surprising when so much of what we know about people has to be found via Google.'

Crossley's year has been filled with Google takedown notices, third-party disclosure orders, and more phone-hacking claims. He says 'significant' defamation litigation has been on the rise during 2015.

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Crossley acts for 'substantial' numbers of private clients in the public eye — sports stars, actors,

entrepreneurs and politicians — including 'very senior' figures from all three mainstream parties. He also acts for corporations and publishers. Crossley's previous cases have helped to develop the very law he practises — not least acting for Max Mosley at the High Court and the European Court of Human Rights. This, says Crossley, has been his most memorable case to date, thanks to 'the sheer drama: the car chases, MI5, sex, politics, sport, and some interesting law too.' He also worked on the Leveson Inquiry about the role of the press, acting for victims of phone hacking abuse. Much of his work targets websites and social media — he has conducted extensive claims for victims of harassment and stalkers, including those attacked by online trolls.