

# **A and B (Appellants) v Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority and another (Respondents)**

**Case ID: UKSC 2019/0055**

## **Case summary**

### **Issue**

The Supreme Court is asked to decide whether excluding A and B, who are victims of human trafficking, from compensation under the Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme unjustifiably discriminates against A and B, in breach of Article 14 taken with Article 4 of the European Convention on Human Rights.

### **Facts**

The appellants are brothers and Lithuanian nationals. In 2013 A and B were trafficked from Lithuania to the UK and subjected to labour exploitation and abuse.

Their status as victims of modern slavery and trafficking was confirmed in November 2013. After their traffickers were convicted, A and B applied for compensation under the 2012 iteration of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme.

Their claims were rejected under the Scheme's rules as, at the time of their application, they both had an unspent conviction which had resulted in a custodial sentence. A and B brought judicial review claims challenging the lawfulness of the Scheme.

Their claims were dismissed by the High Court and the Court of Appeal. They now appeal to the Supreme Court.

## **Judgment appealed**

[\[2018\] EWCA Civ 1534](#)

## **Parties**

### **Appellant(s)**

A and B

### **Respondent(s)**

Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority and another

## **Appeal**

## **Justices**

Lord Lloyd-Jones, Lady Arden, Lord Hamblen, Lord Burrows, Lord Stephens

**Hearing start date**

11 Nov 2020

**Hearing finish date**

11 Nov 2020

**Watch hearing**

11 Nov 2020 [Morning session](#) [Afternoon session](#)

**Judgment details**

**Judgment date**

9 July 2021

**Neutral citation**

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