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PRESS ADVISORY

UK Supreme Court to Hear Landmark Appeal Arising from Family's Bid for New 9/11 Inquest

Seven-justice panel to consider whether the Attorney General's refusal to permit an application for a new inquest can be challenged through judicial review

Hearing: Wednesday–Thursday, October 14–15, 2026

Time: 10:30 AM–4:30 PM BST (5:30 AM–11:30 AM EDT) each day

Location: UK Supreme Court, Courtroom 1, Parliament Square, London SW1P 3BD

Livestream: [UK Supreme Court livestream](#)

Official case page: [R \(Campbell\) v His Majesty's Attorney General — UKSC/2025/0162](#)

LONDON — On October 14 and 15, the UK Supreme Court will hear the appeal of Matt Campbell, whose brother Geoff Campbell was killed on the 106th floor of the World Trade Center's North Tower on September 11, 2001.

The two-day hearing will address a significant constitutional question concerning the accountability of the Attorney General: whether the Attorney General's exercise of the statutory power to permit or refuse an application for an inquest to be reopened is subject to judicial review and, if so, on what grounds.

The Supreme Court has convened a panel of **seven justices**, rather than its usual five: **Lord Reed, Lord Lloyd-Jones, Lord Burrows, Lord Stephens, Lady Rose, Lady Simler, and Lord Doherty**. The Court's published criteria for enlarged panels include cases of high constitutional or great public importance and cases in which the Court may consider departing from previous authority.

Media Attendance and Livestream

Members of the press may attend the hearing in person at the **UK Supreme Court, Parliament Square, London SW1P 3BD**. The Court is open to the public and media, and visitors must pass through airport-style security.

The proceedings will also be available live online through the **UK Supreme Court's livestream**:

[Watch the hearing live on the UK Supreme Court YouTube channel](#)

Hearing times:

Wednesday, October 14: 10:30 AM–4:30 PM BST

Thursday, October 15: 10:30 AM–4:30 PM BST

Journalists planning to attend in person may also contact the [UK Supreme Court Press Office](#) for information concerning media arrangements.

Interview Availability

Matt Campbell is available for media interviews before and after the Supreme Court hearing. Members of Mr. Campbell’s legal and support team are also available to answer questions about the case, its history, and the legal issues before the Court.

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Background

Geoff Campbell, a 31-year-old British citizen, was killed in the North Tower of the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. A 2013 inquest concluded that he died as a result of the tower’s collapse following the deliberate impact of American Airlines Flight 11. The Campbell family has subsequently sought a new inquest, contending that the original inquiry was insufficient and that substantial new evidence not considered at the original inquest warrants a fresh examination of the cause of the tower’s collapse.

In August 2021, the Campbell family applied to the Attorney General for the authority required under **Section 13 of the Coroners Act 1988** to ask the High Court to reopen his brother’s inquest. That authority was ultimately refused. Matt Campbell then sought judicial review of the decision.

In July 2025, the Divisional Court held that the Attorney General’s decision was **not subject to judicial review** and that, even if it were reviewable, the permissible grounds of challenge would be limited to dishonesty, bad faith, or exceptional circumstances. The court nevertheless permitted Mr. Campbell to seek a direct appeal to the Supreme Court, bypassing the Court of Appeal.

The Supreme Court granted permission to appeal on November 19, 2025.

The Legal Questions Before the Supreme Court

The Supreme Court identifies two central issues:

1. **Is the Attorney General’s exercise of the power to allow or refuse an application to reopen an inquest amenable to judicial review?**
2. **If so, on what grounds may the Attorney General’s exercise of that power be reviewed?**

The appeal therefore reaches beyond the circumstances of Geoff Campbell’s death. It concerns the broader constitutional question of whether—and to what extent—the Attorney General’s statutory “gatekeeping” powers can be scrutinized by the courts.

Legal Team

Mr. Campbell is represented by:

Nick Bowen KC

Nick Stanage

Two organizations, the **Global Legal Action Network (GLAN)** and **REDRESS**, are intervening in the Supreme Court proceedings.

Case: *R (on the application of Campbell) (Appellant) v His Majesty’s Attorney General for England and Wales (Respondent)*

Case No.: UKSC/2025/0162

[Official UK Supreme Court case page and case documents](#)

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