

# Bloomberg LP (Appellant) v ZXC (Respondent)

Case ID: 2020/0122

## Case summary

### Issue

Whether, and to what extent, a person who has not been charged with an offence can have a reasonable expectation of privacy in relation to information that relates to a criminal investigation into his activities.

### Facts

The Respondent and his employer were the subject of a criminal investigation by a UK Legal Enforcement Body. In the context of that investigation, the Legal Enforcement Body sent a confidential Letter of Request to a foreign state seeking, among other things, information and documents relating to the Respondent.

The Appellant, a media company, obtained a copy of the Letter of Request, and published an article referring to the fact that information had been requested in respect of the Respondent and detailing the matters in respect of which he was being investigated. The Respondent brought a successful claim against the Appellant for misuse of private information. The Appellant's appeal against that judgment was dismissed by the Court of Appeal, and it now seeks to appeal to the Supreme Court.

### Judgment appealed

[\[2020\] EWCA Civ 611](#)

## Parties

### Appellant(s)

Bloomberg LP

### Respondent(s)

ZXC

## Appeal

### Justices

Lord Reed, Lord Lloyd-Jones, Lord Sales, Lord Hamblen, Lord Stephens

### Hearing start date

30 November 2021

### **Hearing finish date**

1 December 2021

### **Watch hearing**

30 Nov 2021 [Morning session](#) [Afternoon session](#)

1 Dec 2021 [Morning session](#) [Afternoon session](#)

### **Judgment details**

#### **Judgment date**

16 February 2022

#### **Neutral citation**

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