Climate litigation against corporations in the UK

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Abstract: Corporations are heavily implicated in, and have benefited from, activities which cause climate change. This presentation explores the potential for climate litigation against corporations in the UK. It focuses on three core areas. First, it looks specifically at private law claims, their prospects and progress to date. Second, it considers circumstances where campaigners use public law actions to target corporations, exploring the strengths and weaknesses of this as a strategy. Third, it looks at an altogether more subtle approach, which involves the use of tribunals and regulators (including through complaints) to target corporate behaviour. Throughout, it asks questions about UK legal culture, questioning what scope exists for further actions.