

Biography

William Browder

William Browder is the founder and CEO of Hermitage Capital Management. He was the largest foreign investor in Russia until November 2005, when he was denied entry to the country and declared “a threat to national security” by the Russian government for exposing corruption at large Russian companies.

Since 2009 when his lawyer, Sergei Magnitsky, died in a Russian prison after uncovering a US\$230 million fraud committed by Russian government officials, Browder has been leading a global campaign to expose the corruption and human rights abuses endemic in Russia. A result of this campaign was the “Sergei Magnitsky Rule of Law Accountability Act of 2012” being signed into U.S. law, imposing visa bans and asset freezes on certain officials involved in Magnitsky’s death, and on other gross violators of human rights in Russia. Browder is currently working to have similar legislation passed across the European Union as a means to seek justice for Magnitsky and fight government-backed corruption in Russia. He is also advocating for a Global Magnitsky Bill in the U.S., which is currently making its way through Congress.

Mr. Browder has recently published a book, a New York Times bestseller entitled Red Notice: A True Story of High Finance, Murder, and One Man’s Fight for Justice, which recounts his experience in Russia and his ongoing fight for justice for Sergei Magnitsky. Before founding Hermitage, Browder was Vice-President at Salomon Brothers. He holds a BA (Honors) in Economics from the University of Chicago and an MBA from Stanford Business School.