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Although Jeremy accepts instructions across a range of Chambers' areas of expertise, his work focuses primarily on **commercial litigation**, regulation and **business crime**. Long experience in financial crime, investigation and regulation, in both the public and private sectors, make him particularly well-suited to advising and representing clients with complex commercial disputes and those involving **financial services and regulators**, and his commercial acumen arising from working in senior banking roles for seven years helps him find pragmatic and creative solutions for clients' problems.

As a former lead investigator for a London-based international bank, he is skilled in managing complex and delicate enquiries and investigations, while his experience in handling both **commercial** and **employment** litigation enables him effectively to mitigate the risks to which such an enquiry can give rise.

His long-term interest in technology matters means he has a particular interest in commercial and regulatory cases involving cryptoassets and data protection/privacy issues.

Jeremy came to the Bar after a successful career in banking and regulation, having run investigation and anti-corruption programmes for Standard Chartered Bank (ultimately as its deputy global head of AB&C) and then established an anti-fraud and anti-corruption function in EMEA for Bank of Montreal. Before going into banking, he was an intelligence and investigations specialist at the Financial Services Authority, latterly serving as its deputy MLRO.

Jeremy is public access qualified and accepts instructions directly from members of the public.

Areas of Expertise

Commercial and Chancery

Jeremy is developing a broad commercial practice, appearing in court (both at the interim and final stages) and advising on a variety of claims involving contract issues, restitution, company law and insolvency.

He has a strong interest in the growing area of cryptoassets and smart contracts. He has presented webinars on the financial crime aspects of cryptoassets, and been part of the legal team on disputes involving the question of whether (and

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if so, on what basis) cryptoassets can be considered property.

Recent instructions include:

Notable Commercial and Chancery cases

Representing a technology firm in an ongoing dispute with its investors.

Advising a law firm on issues arising from its LLP agreement in relation to a planned merger.

Advice and representation in a dispute between joint venture partners, including issues of both breach of contract and directors' duties.

Securing summary judgment for lenders in a number of actions against defaulting borrowers.

Advice and drafting of particulars for the claimant in a contract dispute, which led to concession and settlement (including costs) on the part of the prospective defendant.

Strategic advice to a technology firm seeking to enforce restrictive covenants following the departure of key senior staff.

Advising and drafting pleadings in a High Court claim based on agency and unjust enrichment.

Advising and representing clients in company and insolvency matters.

Financial Services

Having spent more than a decade in banking and regulation, Jeremy has particular expertise in dealing with financial

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services matters. He has provided advice to, and been seconded to, the Financial Conduct Authority, working both with its General Counsel's Division and with Supervision and Enforcement. He also spent a year supporting the Independent Third Party addressing complaints from small business customers of RBS's Global Restructuring Group. His regulatory experience includes work on the developing area of investments in, and regulation of, medicinal cannabis firms.

Recent instructions include:

Notable Financial Services cases

Led by John McKendrick KC, representing a trade body seeking judicial review of new FCA rules governing claims management companies.

Led by Oliver Powell, representing the CEO of a Lloyd's of London insurer in an appeal against a regulatory sanction imposed by the market.

Led by Justina Stewart, representing an individual client in a seven-figure dispute with a High Street bank.

Advising a US investment group on its application for FCA authorisation.

Advising several UK clients on perimeter concerns, involving issues from cryptoassets via contracts for difference to insurance.

Representing an individual in a six-figure dispute concerning an alleged failure by a financial adviser to follow instructions.

Successfully appealing a County Court ruling against an authorised firm which risked leaving it liable to pay significant sums to its former appointed representatives.

Advising a law firm on the application of CASS and claims management regulations.

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Business Crime & Investigations

For almost two decades before coming to the Bar, Jeremy specialised in dealing with financial crime issues, intelligence and investigations. He is therefore a specialist in assisting clients get to the bottom of complex investigations and in dealing with allegations of fraud, bribery and corruption. His long experience in bribery and corruption matters led to his authoring the first chapter in Lissack and Horlick on Bribery and Corruption, the third edition of which was published in 2020.

He has experience of POCA orders, including the successful release for an overseas client of more than £500,000 frozen and marked for forfeiture by HM Revenue and Customs; and has helped secure the release of both vehicles and goods which had been restrained by the UK Border Force.

His experience in internal investigations enables him to both plan and run enquiries into misconduct or suspected criminality, and to advise on how to mitigate the legal risks which can arise from such enquiries. He can be engaged to assist with investigations on a direct access basis if desired.

Among recent instructions:

Notable Business Crime & Investigations cases

Led by Oliver Powell, he has advised on the application of the UK's Russia sanctions regime.

He has conducted wide-ranging internal investigations involving allegations of misconduct on the part of senior staff of a higher education institution.

He successfully represented the management company of a residential development facing huge post-Grenfell redevelopment expenses, securing a judgment which allowed it to spend scarce resources on upgrading its fire alarm system rather than on a waking watch.

He has acted for both prosecution and defence in the Magistrates' Court.

Employment & Discrimination

Jeremy's in-house commercial and investigative experience led to significant involvement with employment matters even before he was called to the Bar. He is often instructed by both claimants and defendants in complex employment matters,

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including whistleblowing, discrimination, TUPE and unfair dismissal disputes. He has assisted counsel including David Grant KC in appeals before the Employment Appeal Tribunal. He is co-author of the 8th edition of the Employment Law Handbook, edited by Daniel Barnett and published in November 2020.

Professional Negligence

As part of his broader commercial and financial services/regulatory practices, Jeremy is frequently asked to assist in disputes concerning professional negligence. He is currently advising and representing clients in matters involving both solicitors and financial advisers, including a claim which involves the alleged mis-selling of interest rate hedging products (IRHPs).

Disciplinary & Regulatory

Jeremy has advised and represented regulators including the CQC in their oversight of regulated entities. He has also assisted clients in their dealings with the Financial Conduct Authority, the Gambling Commission, the Serious Fraud Office, the Maritime and Coastguard Agency and the Health and Safety Executive.

Jeremy has a particular interest in data protection and privacy/confidentiality issues. Among recent instructions, he has:

Notable Disciplinary & Regulatory cases

Represented NHS trusts in cases dealing with subject access requests and special category data.

Advised and represented claimants seeking compensation for breaches by both public and private organisations, including helping a client win significant compensation from a public authority which unlawfully disseminated confidential information about sexual abuse.

Advised corporate clients on the handling of law enforcement data requests.

Public Law

Jeremy's instructions in financial services, regulation and crime often have public law implications. To that end, he sometimes acts in public law matters, both led and unled, including acting (led by John McKendrick KC) for a trade body seeking judicial review of new FCA rule-making, and successfully representing the Metropolitan Police in permission hearings in the Administrative Court.

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Memberships

- COMBAR
- Young Fraud Lawyers' Association
- Financial Services Lawyers' Association
- Employment Lawyers' Association
- Health & Safety Lawyers' Association
- Association of Regulatory and Disciplinary Lawyers

Languages

- French, Japanese (intermediate)
- German, Brazilian Portuguese (basic)

Publications

- Contributor, Lissack & Horlick on Bribery and Corruption, 3rd ed (2020)
- Co-author, Employment Law Handbook, 8th ed (2020)

Awards

- Astbury Scholarship, Middle Temple (2017)

Privacy Policy

Read Jeremy's [Privacy Policy](#).

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