



Jeremy Phillips KC

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Practice areas:

Licensing, Environment, Planning, ADR, Major Infrastructure Projects, Local Government, , Highways, Commons and Open Spaces



Practice Profile

Jeremy Phillips KC offers the highest levels of expertise and advocacy as a barrister following, uniquely, an equally successful career as a solicitor, both in his own practice and subsequently leading teams in leading international law firms.

Licensing & Disciplinary - from local authority to Court of Appeal, advising upon and determining novel issues arising in numerous important licensing applications relating to gambling, taxi, alcohol & entertainment legislation in the UK and overseas. Editor in Chief of Paterson's Licensing Acts and a General Editor of Smith & Monkcom - The Law of Gambling he has been recognised for the past three decades as a leader in these fields.

Regulatory & Environmental - representing the Environment Agency, HSE, Marine Management Organisation and local authorities in inquests and prosecutions concerning a range of waste, food, health & safety and breach of licensing offences, as well as companies in relation to due diligence and criminal confiscation issues. Also statutory nuisance abatement appeals and prosecutions. The Law of Regulatory Enforcement Sanctions - A Practical Guide - OUP (2011) and LexisPSL: Corporate Crime, Environmental Statutory Nuisance and wildlife Crime (2017)

Advisory & Judicial Review - numerous High Court challenges on a wide range of public law issues ranging from: local authorities' Standards of Conduct to Assets of Community Value (ACV); from the repayment of s.106 monies, to the sufficiency of Reasons. Contributions also to the work of the Law Commission, Department of Culture Media and Sport, Cabinet Office and former Department for Business, Enterprise & Regulatory Reform, as well as the Bar Council, its Ethics committee and the Licensed Trade Charity (trustee/school governor).

Public Inquiries - various major footpath, TVG and planning Inquiries as well as objection to the £4.1bn Thames Tideway Tunnel infrastructure project, promoting rail crossing extinguishment orders (Network Rail) and representation of the Ramblers' Association in relation to the Bristol Bus Rapid Transit Scheme. Also, supporting the successful Weymouth Relief Road and South Devon Link Road and others.

Complex Mediations – including the multi-party multi-issue mediation which he devised arising from the Business & Enterprise Select Committee (BESC): Relationship Between Pub Companies and Lessees – Seventh Report of Session 2008–09. Resolution (both as mediator and mediation advocate) of major environmental litigation involving local authorities and national and international operators as well as smaller property disputes. Head of FTB's Mediation Group.

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He is a member of International Masters of Gaming Law (IMGL).

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- "Finding Common Ground" ('Planning' magazine March 2008 – with John Parmiter)
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Publications

'The (Underutilised) Role of Mediation in Licensing' (with Conor Fegan) [2019] Journal of Licensing

Major Infrastructure Projects

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 - *SENDIST* - supporting parents through IPSEA - appeals under the Education Act 1996
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Publications & Articles

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- Editor in Chief of 'Paterson's Licensing Acts' (105th Edition - date: Gen Ed since 1997) and advisor to the Department of Culture Media and Sport in that capacity.
- General Editor of Smith & Monkcom -The Law of Gambling (2017 4th Edition) - the leading specialist textbook on gambling law.
- Lexis PSL: Corporate Crime, Environmental Statutory Nuisance and Wildlife Crime (2017)
- The Law of Regulatory Enforcement and Sanctions - A Practical Guide (Co-author) published by the Oxford University Press in 2011.
- Halsbury's Laws of England - the authoritative source on the laws of England and Wales (contributor to 4th and 5th Editions) - Volumes 13, 26, 67 & 68.
- Atkins Court Forms - UK's only encyclopaedia of Civil Litigation Forms, Precedents of Pleadings and Procedure - Volume 27 (1).
- 'Phillips' Licensing Guide' (1st, 2nd and 3rd Editions),
- Other publications: 'New Law Guide', 'The Lawyer's Remembrancer', 'Gambling for Local Authorities', Westlaw UK Insight & Consulting Editor to Licensing Review'

Articles include:

- "O, reason not the need!" Why King Lear was wrong or: The Importance of Reasons in Disciplinary Proceedings (with Mark O'Brien O'Reilly). Association of Regulatory and Disciplinary Lawyers Quarterly Bulletin Winter 2023
- (with Mark O'Brien O'Reilly)

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- Guest Editorial, Journal of Licensing, Number 31, November 2021
- Does the SRA Treat Sexual Misconduct Cases Seriously? (with Esther Drabkin-Reiter). Solicitors Journal, April 2020
- 'The (Underutilised) Role of Mediation in Licensing' (with Conor Fegan) [2019] Journal of Licensing
- Two Blue Doors (footpaths), Waymark, Autumn 217
- The Hand We've Been Dealt (Gambling), Solicitors Journal, 5 September 2017
- Calling Time on the Licensing Act, Solicitors Journal, 25 April 2017
- Burden of Proof in Licensing Appeals, Solicitors Journal, 24 January 2017
- Public Safety Versus Public Health, solicitors Journal, 19 January 2016
- Here's to Her Majesty and Other Licensing Developments, 7 June 2016
- Drinking, Gambling and Mistakes and Notices, 11 October 2016
- Noise Nuisance in the Licensing Arena, 22 September 2015
- Licence to Thrill, solicitors Journal, 30 June 2015
- Hemming: outcome and implications, 10 February 2015
- Licensing Update, Solicitors Journal, 30 September 2014
- Licensing Update, Solicitors Journal, 1 July 2014

Jeremy has also for many years chaired and spoken at major conferences & on national radio.

Qualifications & Awards

- Solicitor (1980)
 - Partner, Cartwrights (1982)
 - Co-founder, Holt Phillips (1984)
 - Equity partner Eversheds (1994)
 - Equity Partner Osborne Clarke (2001)
 - Called to the Bar /Inner Temple (2004)
 - Accredited mediator – CEDR (2008)
 - Trustee, Licensed Trade Charity (2015)
 - Elected Bar Council (2015) and Ethics Committee (2016)
 - Appointed Queen's Counsel (2018)
 - Disciplinary Panel - Lawn Tennis Association (2019)
 - International Masters of Gaming Law (IMGL) (2020)
 - Appointed to Sports Resolutions' Mediation & Development Arbitration Panels (2021)
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Interests

* Medieval and local history. Long-distance overland travel. Motorbike racing. Wildlife and gardening. Squash. Family.

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Pro Bono

Jeremy Phillips is also a member of the Review Panel for , a charity which aims to provide free legal help to individuals and community groups who cannot afford to pay for it and who are unable to access legal aid, and for whom he reviews applications for assistance and in a limited number of approved cases, conducts mediations.

He has advised community associations on national issues raised by threatened enforcement action, subsequently discontinued as a consequence.

Jeremy is also a trained volunteer for the work of , a national charity providing free legally based advice to families who have children with special educational needs. In appropriate cases he has represented parents and their children before the SENDIST (Special Educational Needs and Disability Tribunal).

Quotes

"So lovely to work with counsel who know first hand what solicitors grapple with! It's been a complete pleasure."

Client, 2024

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Chambers and Partners, 2023

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"Jeremy is excellent and obviously a licensing guru."

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"He is exceptionally eloquent and persuasive on paper and is able to engage in a positive and constructive manner with the Tribunal when on his feet."

Legal 500, 2023

"Jeremy is very engaged and accommodating of his time with clients."

Legal 500, 2023

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Chambers and Partners, 2022

"Jeremy is very incisive and excellent at spotting flaws and weaknesses in the opposition's case and developing a strategy around this best suited to the client's business objectives. "

Legal 500, 2022

"Calm and responsive with an in-depth knowledge of the subject, clients value his insightful analysis, experience and commerciality."

Legal 500, 2022

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