



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 is one of England and Wales' leading licensing and environmental lawyers who offers the highest levels of expertise and advocacy as a barrister following, uniquely, an equally successful career as a solicitor in leading international law firms. His practical experience leading a firm and then teams is a critical addition to his legal work at the Bar. He is also a Band 1 Licensing Silk. "Jeremy is first-class. His knowledge of premises licensing is immense." [Legal 500, 2025]

Licensing – Editor-in-Chief of *Paterson's Licensing Acts* (the only work of reference in the field) and a General Editor of *Smith & Monkcom – The Law of Gambling* he has been recognised for the past three decades as a leader in both fields. Over that time he has appeared before local authorities to the Court of Appeal, advising upon and determining novel issues arising in numerous important licensing applications relating to gambling, taxi, alcohol & entertainment legislation in both the UK and overseas.

Disciplinary – Jeremy chairs or has sat upon a number of disciplinary panels in both the Professional or Sports sectors, including: *LTA (Disciplinary Division, Safeguarding Division and Registration Appeals Divisions of the Judicial Panel)* | *Sport Resolutions UK Mediation Panel and Safeguarding Case Management Programme (SCMP) & Legal Advice Service* | *The Football Association's Judicial Panel* | *The Referees' Association* | *British Equestrian Foundation* (Legally Qualified Chair) and the *Teaching Regulation Agency Professional Conduct Panel*. He has also represented parties in connection with disciplinary proceedings brought before the *British Horseracing Authority, Archery GB, The FA Referees' Association, Social Work England, Nursing & Midwifery Counsel, Solicitors' Disciplinary Tribunal and the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants etc.*

In 2025 he was appointed by the Department for Culture Media and Sport (DCMS) to perform the function of Senior Independent Panel Member on appointment of the next Chair of the Board for UK Sport.

Regulatory & Environmental – representing leading companies, 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, in relation to due diligence and criminal confiscation issues.

Jeremy is also an authority on statutory nuisance abatement appeals and prosecutions, having dealt with a wide range of major Abatement Notice appeals and prosecutions throughout the country. He has particularly specialised in nuisances claimed to have arisen from the proximity of housing to large-scale commercial operations or transport infrastructure. Publications in the field include: *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.

Charity & Pro Bono - Jeremy has always allocated a proportion of his time for the benefit of others. As a KC he has been on the Bar's Pro Bono Recognition List since 2024. He has been the only lawyer-member of a large and well-established charity since 2015.

For more information, please visit <https://jeremyphillipskc.co.uk/>.

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Jeremy's unique experience in both betting law and that relating to the disciplinary rules & procedures binding the holders of public offices, professionals as well as sportswomen/men has led to his appointment to a number of such disciplinary panels, as well his representation of individuals before tribunals following incidents involving allegations of cheating.

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- *Newcastle upon Lyme BC v Walleys Quarry Ltd* – advising throughout odour statutory nuisance proceedings and securing permission from the government to pursue legal action against the company for alleged breaches of the abatement notice.
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 - *McCarthy & Stone (Developments) Ltd v Hertsmere Borough Council* [APP/N1920/A/07/2018226] – successfully resisting appeal against refusal to grant planning permission and proposal to meet affordable housing requirement with off-site provision
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ADR

- Mediating a licensing issue between the Metropolitan Police, a London Borough and a late-night operator
- Co-Mediator with Michel Kallipetis KC in unprecedented mediation concerning contractual, commercial and property issues affecting the licensed trade (see Seventh Report (2009) Business & Enterprise Select Committee)
- Devising and then resolving (as mediation advocate) to resolve long-standing alleged odour nuisance affecting City Centre, thereby avoiding 3-week magistrates' court appeal.
- Successful mediation of long standing major environmental (involving national regulator).
- Resolving as mediator long-standing local land ownership and boundary disputes
- Resolution of licensing and environmental disputes concerning a major national sporting event by informal mediation (advocate)
- "Finding Common Ground" ('Planning' magazine March 2008 – with John Parmiter)
- CEDR (Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution) – Accredited Mediator (October 2007)
- SCMA (Standing Conference of Mediation Advocates) – Member

Publications

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

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- 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
- [Securing 'Sufficient and Adequate' Reasons in Disciplinary Proceedings](#) (with Mark O'Brien O'Reilly)
- [Legal Professional Privilege: Reporting AML suspicions is "not black and white"](#) (with Mark O'Brien O'Reilly)
- 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)
- Appointed to FA Safeguarding Review Panel (to October 2025)
- Appointed to Police Misconduct Hearings for South Wales

- Named as a leading licensing expert by [Global Law Experts](#)
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- *McCarthy & Stone (Developments) Ltd v Hertsmere Borough Council* [APP/N1920/A/07/2018226] - successfully resisting appeal against refusal to grant planning permission and proposal to meet affordable housing requirement with off-site provision

Non-contentious

- *Commercial contracts* - advisory work on issues of overage, conditional contracts, auction particulars etc.
- *Insurers (City of London)* - comprehensive revision of specialist 'loss of licence' policy
- SIA - advising international exhibition venue on various technical issues arising under Private Security Industry Act 2001
- *Gambling Commission* - advisory work on various elements of published policy
- *Mediation* - various, including multi-party multi-issue mediation arising from the *Business & Enterprise Select Committee (BESC): Relationship Between Pub Companies And Lessees* - Seventh Report of Session 2008-09. To see further details of Jeremy's mediation profile, please click [here](#)
- SENDIST - supporting parents through IPSEA - appeals under the Education Act 1996

Mediation Experience / Qualifications

- Co-Mediator with Michel Kallipetis KC in unprecedented mediation concerning contractual, commercial and property issues affecting the licensed trade (see Seventh Report (2009) Business & Enterprise Select Committee)
 - Successful mediation of long standing major environmental civil dispute (involving national regulator).
 - Devising and then resolving (as mediation advocate) to resolve long-standing alleged odour nuisance affecting City Centre, thereby avoiding 3-week magistrates' court appeal.
 - Resolving as mediator long-standing local land ownership and boundary disputes
 - Resolution of licensing and environmental disputes concerning a major national sporting event by informal mediation (advocate)
 - CEDR (Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution) - Accredited Mediator (October 2007)
 - SCMA (Standing Conference of Mediation Advocates) - Member
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Interests

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

* not necessarily in that order..

Pro Bono

Jeremy Phillips is also a member of the Review Panel for [LawWorks](#), 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 is named in Advocate's inaugural [Recognition List of England and Wales](#) published in June 2024.

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 [IPSEA](#), 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).

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Quotes

"Jeremy Phillips consistently demonstrates unparalleled expertise and a remarkable ability to handle complex matters with ease."

Chambers and Partners, 2026

"Jeremy Phillips KC is especially valued for his encyclopaedic knowledge of licensing law, and he is described by sources as an experienced and persuasive advocate"

Chambers and Partners, 2026

"Jeremy is immensely knowledgeable and very easy to deal with. He knows premises licensing law in enormous detail. Very approachable and open to input."

Legal 500, 2026

"Jeremy Phillips is very strong on gambling law."

Chambers and Partners, 2026

"We really are pleased with the outcome and we're receiving some very positive feedback from other residents. It was a pleasure to spend the last few days working with you and watch you at work"

Principal Licensing Officer, 2024

"What a brilliant fantastic outcome to this case. When we were putting the initial evidence together, were concerned that our evidence may not come up to proof and we even discussed conceding the Appeal. Thank you for all of your help, assistance and whipping the case into shape. I know the residents will be extremely happy with the outcome."

Senior Solicitor – Regulatory, 2024 Team

"Thank you for all your help on this matter; it was delightful working with you and your calm approach and immense knowledge and expertise was invaluable."

Solicitor client, 2024

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

Solicitor client, 2024

"He is the encyclopaedia when it comes to discrete areas of licensing law."

Chambers and Partners, 2023

"Jeremy is great, very approachable and personable."

Chambers and Partners, 2023

"Jeremy is excellent and obviously a licensing guru."

Chambers and Partners, 2023

"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

"An expert in his field with excellent knowledge of the licensing sector. He's always bang up to date."

"Excellent at giving advice and propounding legal argument. He's always quick to respond and willing to go the extra mile."

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

"He is very thorough and good for written advice."

Chambers and Partners, 2023