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Jeremy Sher is an international disputes lawyer. His experience spans litigation, arbitration and regulatory and compliance issues. His work frequently has a cross-border element or reputational implications.

Jeremy's practice covers clients in emerging and mature markets including global companies, sovereign governments, state owned enterprises, financial institutions, manufacturers, life sciences businesses, private equity, and high net worth individuals.

Jeremy is International Co-Head of our Global Class Actions Group. He also leads our practice in the UK. Jeremy has extensive experience coordinating global defence strategies across Europe, North America and Australia. He has defended class actions relating to consumer protection, securities, corporate governance, product liability, climate change, environmental protection, data protection and cyber-security, employment status and competition follow-on damages.

- Advising investor groups regarding contentious issues in the USD14 billion liquidation of Abraaj Private Equity. This landmark matter included corporate criminal and regulatory advice, conducting multiple parallel litigation and arbitration proceedings and providing contentious advice to assist corporate transactions.
- Advising investors in a major African energy company in a USD750 million joint venture dispute. These proceedings included an LCIA arbitration and obtaining an injunction in the BVI in support of the arbitral proceedings.
- Advising a Government in Asia in relation to the termination of a USD5 billion oil field joint venture, including consideration of force majeure events based on terrorist activity.
- Representing private equity firms in litigation and arbitration, including contentious M&A, intra-fund disputes, breach of investment parameters, breach of fiduciary duties, shareholder disputes and fraud.

- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations
- Public and Administrative Law
- Banking and Finance Litigation
- Cross-Border Litigation
- International Arbitration
- Corporate and Securities Litigation
- Class Actions
- Product Liability, Mass Torts and Product Stewardship
- White Collar and Corporate Crime

- Financial Services
- Energy and Natural Resources
- Industrials
- Media, Sport and Entertainment
- Life Sciences

- Advising a steel fabrication company in a EUR150 million dispute under ICC arbitration rules with a manufacturer relating to product quality defects. This work involved the use of the ICC's Pre-Arbitral Referee Procedure and the successful completion of a two week trial.
- Advising a listed energy company in on-going High Court litigation concerning the interpretation of contractual arrangements.
- Advising a leading bank in relation to a USD100 million shareholders' dispute. This matter involves an LCIA arbitration and complex regulatory issues in England, Europe and the Middle East.
- Advising a global entertainment company concerning a EUR55 million fraud claim. This matter involved understanding complex financial reporting issues, High Court litigation and regulatory issues in Europe and Asia.
- Advising global manufacturers regarding class actions risks.
- Advising a medical products manufacturer concerning a dispute with a supplier. This matter involved conducting a mediation, re-establishing a stable supply chain and advising on potential class action risk.

CREDENTIALS

Professional Qualifications

- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales
- Solicitor of the Supreme Court of New South Wales
- Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Western Australia
- Solicitor of the High Court of Australia

Recognitions

- "...Jeremy will always go the extra mile." Commercial Litigation: Premium, *Legal 500*, 2021
- "Jeremy Sher is one of the great strategic thinkers I have encountered in litigation: he never approaches litigation without a carefully thought out plan for how to win and what to do to get there. One of the best letter writers in the business as well; his drafting for centre-piece disputes correspondence like letters before action and responses to letters before action is both a joy to read and highly effective at getting results." Financial Services: Contentious, *Legal 500*, 2021
- "Jeremy Sher is exceptionally intelligent, experienced and well-versed in combative litigation. He is a clever tactician and seems to get on well with all members of his team and manage clients with aplomb".
Financial Services: Contentious, *Legal 500*, 2020
- "Jeremy Sher counts class actions and M&A-related disputes among his areas of expertise".
Commercial Litigation: Premium, *Legal 500*, 2020
- "The team at DLA Piper comprising Jamie Curle, Jeremy Sher and James Carter is exceptional. What makes them exceptional is the lengths to which they will go to bring their clients with them at every stage of the litigation process....".
Banking Litigation: Investment and Retail, *Legal 500*, 2020
- "[...] Jeremy Sher, [...] is strong for class actions..."
Banking Litigation: Investment and Retail, *Legal 500*, 2020
- "[...] Jeremy Sher stands out for his consistent involvement in high value, cross-border fraud disputes".
Civil Fraud, *Legal 500*, 2020
- "Highly regarded".
Commercial Litigation, *Legal 500*, 2019

Education

- London School of Economics, MSc
- The University of Western Australia, BA (Hons), LLB (Dist)
- College of Law (New South Wales), Grad Dip Leg Prac

Additional Qualifications

Jeremy is an Honorary Research Fellow at the University of Western Australia.

INSIGHTS

Publications

Fatal air pollution: A subject for group actions in the UK?

21 January 2021

It has long been recognised that air pollution, in the form of particulates, and sulphur and nitrogen oxides, has an extremely detrimental effect on health – particularly in heavily populated urban areas with high traffic densities.

The gathering storm: COVID-19-related disputes in the financial services sector – A transatlantic perspective

5 October 2020

COVID-19 has caused the largest shock to the global economy in living memory. Whilst economic uncertainty, financial distress and market turmoil usually trigger increased levels of commercial litigation, the extreme conditions created by COVID-19 have primed the landscape for a pan-sector surge in financial services-related disputes.

Reputation management during investigations: ZXC v Bloomberg LP

16 July 2020

The Court of Appeal has upheld the decision of Nicklin J which found that Bloomberg had breached the privacy rights of a US businessman when it published an article containing confidential details about a UK criminal investigation which he was subject to.

Global Class Actions Briefing: Major developments in European consumer protection laws: Product safety and consumer class actions in Europe

15 July 2020

The EU's proposals for a revised EU General Product Safety Directive (the GPSD) and the EU's deal for a Collective Redress Directive (the CRD) point the way to a future of heightened novel risk in Europe of collective redress or, as these claims are popularly known, "class actions".

Events

Previous

Global Disputes Forecast: Climate Litigation

26 April 2022

Webinar

Global Disputes Forecast: 2021 - what does the future hold?

22 February 2021
Webinar
