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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.
 - 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
- 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

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

Lloyd v Google – Supreme Court Judgment – report and impacts on data protection and mass claims in the UK

10 November 2021

UK Supreme Court allowed Google's appeal against the Court of Appeal decision which had previously granted Mr Lloyd permission to serve his representative claim on Google in the United States. The judgment brings to an end to one of the most significant issues to come before the UK Courts concerning class actions and data protection regimes.

SHE Matters – Summer 2021

29 April 2021

SHE Matters is back with the latest summer 2021 edition with articles ranging from the environmental impact of lockdown, to sustainable corporate governance and the EU adoption of Collective Redress Directive for class actions.

Group litigation and group litigation orders

11 February 2021

This note focuses on the use of group litigation orders (GLOs) in multi-party litigation. It describes the circumstances in which a court may make a GLO, and the procedural steps that must be followed by the parties and their legal representatives, both to obtain a GLO and after a GLO has been granted.

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.

Mass employment claims in the UK

30 July 2020

In the UK there has been a sharp increase in mass employment claims, or Class Actions, which occur where a number of employees with a similar or shared complaint come together to seek redress from an employer.

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".

The rise and rise of shareholders' Class Actions in the UK

18 June 2020

In the UK there has been a steady rise in shareholders' Class Actions including several Class Actions launched by unhappy shareholders against the companies they invest in.

Preparing for global class actions arising from COVID-19

28 May 2020

The risk to companies of global and cross-border class action and collective redress proceedings is rising.

New era for privacy and data breach Class Actions in the UK

12 May 2020

The recent decision in the Morrisons case and the judgment in Lloyd v Google have significant implications for the growth of privacy and data protection Class Actions in the UK. If this type of Class Action can progress, the risks for organisations who commit a data breach will be unprecedented.

No end in sight for mass financial services Class Actions in the UK

30 March 2020

Financial services Class Actions have increased in recent years due to greater access to litigation funding, increased regulatory challenges, changes in the law such as GDPR and the prevalence of claims management companies.

How product liability Class Actions are growing in the UK

18 December 2019

Product liability Class Actions in the UK... In the fourth in a series of films, our Class Actions Group discuss how Class Actions are developing in the product liability space in the UK.

Events

Previous

Global Disputes Forecast: What Lies Ahead in Financial Services Disputes?

13 April 2021

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

22 February 2021

Webinar

Preparing for global class actions arising from COVID-19

16 June 2020 | 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. ET (Session one) | 8:00 - 9:30 p.m. ET (Session two)

Webinar

NEWS

DLA Piper advises Philip Morris International on USD820 million acquisition of Fertin Pharma

5 July 2021

DLA Piper has advised Philip Morris International (PMI) on the acquisition Fertin Pharma A/S (Fertin Pharma), a leading developer and manufacturer of pharmaceutical and well-being products based on oral and intra-oral delivery systems.

DLA Piper announces partnership promotions for 2020

30 April 2020

DLA Piper is proud to announce that 67 lawyers have been promoted to its partnership. The promotions are effective as of April 1, 2020 in the United States and May 1, 2020 for EMEA and Asia Pacific. The promotions have been made across many of the firm's practice areas in 35 different offices throughout 13 countries.

Across the firm's practices globally, Corporate saw the largest intake of new partners with 19 promotions, followed by Litigation and Regulatory with 15. Intellectual Property and Technology and Finance and Projects had ten and eight promotions respectively, while there were six in Real Estate. Tax and Employment both had four, and there was one in Restructuring.
