

Jeremy Birch

Barrister, Fourth Floor Chambers

Jeremy's practice focusses on commercial litigation, regulatory investigations and enforcement. He has expertise in matters relating to financial services, financial markets, resources, and technology.

Jeremy has significant experience acting on complex matters often with an international or cross-border element. Before joining the bar, Jeremy was a partner in the market leading disputes practice of an international firm, where he worked in the firm's offices in Perth, Sydney, Hong Kong, and London. He has also held positions on secondment at in-house litigation teams, based in Sydney and Hong Kong, with two global investment banks.

Recommended White-Collar
Crime, Corporate Crime &
Regulatory Investigations Barrister
- Australia
- Doyles, 2024, 2025

Recommended Commercial
Litigation & Dispute Resolution
Barristers – Western Australia
- Doyles, 2025

*"very dedicated to his clients and
brings a great work ethic and
talent to the team"*
- Legal 500 Asia Pacific, 2023

Practice Areas

Anti-Bribery and Corruption

Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing

Banking and Financial Services

Class Actions

Commercial and Contractual Disputes

Corporations Law

Insolvency and Reconstruction

Regulatory Law and Investigations

Securities and Investments

White Collar and Corporate Crime

Education

Master of Laws (Dist)

Law School, University of Pennsylvania
2016 – 2017

Dean's Scholarship
Karen Iest Award for Excellence

Wharton Business & Law Cert.

Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania
2016 – 2017

Graduate Diploma, Finance

LSE, University of London
2011 – 2013

Bachelor of Laws (Hons)

University of Western Australia
2001 – 2006

Bachelor of Science

University of Western Australia
2001 - 2003

Selected Matters

Commercial Litigation

- Defended a resources company against a \$2 billion claim in the Supreme Court under a royalty agreement indemnity (led by Noel Hutley SC and Kanaga Dharmananda SC).
- Defended an Australian bank in Supreme Court proceedings alleging secret commissions in the context of financial advice (unled).
- Defended the vendor of a credit brokerage business in Supreme Court proceedings concerning post-sale access to confidential information (unled).
- Obtained pre-action discovery against a government body on behalf of a mining services business (unled).
- Applied to suspend judgment enforcement in the Supreme Court (unled).
- Defended a wealth management firm against claims by high-net-worth clients alleging fraud by a former wealth adviser.
- Defended a wealth management firm in litigation relating to the sale of structured investment products.

Admitted

2008, Western Australia

2012, New York, USA

2015, Hong Kong, China
(*not active*)

Call

2023

Insolvency & Restructuring

- Acting for court-appointed receivers (Federal Court) of a global asset manager holding client assets of more than \$1 billion on distribution of a deficient mixed fund (led by Paul Edgar SC).
- Acted for deed administrators of a resources company in negligence proceedings against former directors and auditor, and in a related to a securities class action on market disclosure obligations.
- Advised a resources company on the impact of a deed of company arrangement on a royalty agreement (led by Anthony Papamatheos SC).

Regulatory and Investigations

- Represented individuals in compelled examinations before ASIC and the OAIC concerning insider trading, market misconduct, and cyber incidents (unled).
- Defended an individual charged with market manipulation offences (unled).
- Obtained an extension of time for lodging of a late cleansing prospectus by a listed company (unled).
- Defending an investment bank for due diligence failings in an IPO.
- Defending a listed company for alleged systemic failures in AML compliance seeking hundreds of millions in fines.

Some of the above matters were undertaken as a solicitor, including work in Hong Kong and London.