



# Jeremy Barton

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Jeremy Barton specialises in criminal work, predominantly defending.

He is frequently instructed on both a private and publicly funded basis in the most serious of criminal matters, in particular fraud, firearms, drugs (including EncroChat matters) and sexual offences. He is regularly instructed as junior counsel in murder cases, both defending and prosecuting.

Jeremy is a versatile and charismatic advocate who simply does not give up on his case. He is popular and personable with both lay and professional clients and has a confident, calm manner in court. He is particularly good at managing difficult and demanding clients.

In addition to criminal work, Jeremy has developed a practice across other quasi criminal areas including professional misconduct, with a particular focus on police discipline, medical defence and coroners' inquests.

Jeremy joined chambers in 2015, having previously spent 11 years in London at 2 King's Bench Walk and was called to the bar in 2004.

## Expertise

### Crime

Jeremy is VHCC accredited and a VHCC supervisor on behalf of solicitor's firms who are not VHCC approved, allowing them to undertake VHCC work.

Defending and prosecuting in major and complex criminal investigations, in particular cases involving:

Murder, fraud, firearms, drugs and historic sexual grooming cases.

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Jeremy has defended in multiple high profile grooming cases both as junior alone and led. He has particular knowledge of firearms legislation and a practical knowledge of firearms.

He is currently instructed in a number of EncroChat cases and frequently defends in conspiracy cases where mobile phones and high-tech surveillance equipment has been used.

## Notable Crime cases

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R v Z [2023]

3 month grooming trial. 1st on indictment. Leeds Crown Court. Defending.

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R v K [2023]

1 month trial, conspiracy to murder. Manchester Crown Court. Defending.

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R v S [2023]

3 month trial, fraud (VHCC). Preston Crown Court. Defending.

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R v H [2022]

6 month fraud (VHCC). Birmingham Crown Court. Defending.

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R v H [2022]

Firearms. Manchester Crown Court. Defending.

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R v K [2022]

Murder. Leeds Crown Court. Prosecuting.

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R v Z [2022]

Conspiracy to possess firearms with intent to endanger life.

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## Police Discipline

Jeremy has defended in a large number of police discipline matters both in the South and North of England, often instructed by the Police Federation directly.

He has appeared at all levels as Junior counsel at misconduct hearings, on appeal to the police appeals tribunal and to the High Court on judicial review, most notably in the case of Sergeant Mark Andrews who was successfully reinstated in the police force after a 5 year court case during which Jeremy dealt with all matters.

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Further details can be found [here](#).

## Medical

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Jeremy has defended successfully (instructed by the MDU) at the GMC on behalf of the medical profession at numerous Interim Order Panel Hearings and misconduct hearings where fitness to practise has been called into question.

## Inquests

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Jeremy has acted for the police during coroners' inquests involving death in custody cases where article 2 has been triggered. He has particular knowledge of the custody procedure and cases where Immunosuppressants have featured in the death.

## Civil

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Jeremy also has a busy Civil practise predominantly dealing with high value asset recovery and finance matters for some of the most prestigious automobile clients in the world. He has particular expertise in dealing with consumer credit, novation agreements and contracts for hire purchase agreements. Jeremy has experience of defending copyright and trademark matters and was employed by British Telecom in-house, advising on matters concerning intellectual property rights.

## Appointments

- CPS Grade 4
- Association of Regulatory & Disciplinary Lawyers
- Specialist Regulatory Advocate in Health & Safety and Environmental Law (List B)

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