

JEREMY BUTCHER

YEAR OF CALL: 2025

Jeremy has a broad practice with a particular interest in matters relating to professional negligence and economic torts, commercial equity, private international law, and constitutional law.

Admitted as a solicitor in 2019, Jeremy practised at Allens, focusing primarily on commercial litigation and related advisory work. He has considerable experience working as part of a large team in the context of highly complex, large-scale litigation. In addition to his private practice, Jeremy has taught extensively, developing broad expertise in Equity, Commercial Remedies, Torts, and Constitutional Law. He has taught at Bond University, the University of Queensland, and the Queensland University of Technology.

Jeremy holds a Bachelor of Laws (First Class Honours) from Bond University and a Bachelor of Civil Law (Distinction) from the University of Oxford.



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AREAS OF PRACTICE

Appellate, Arbitration, Banking, Commercial Equity, Competition & Consumer, Contract, Corporations, Insurance, International, Judicial Review & Administrative, Media & Defamation, Professional Discipline & Regulatory, Professional Negligence, Resources & Energy.

CASES

NRT v MGN Pty Ltd & ACG Pty Ltd [2026] QSC 2

January 2026, Arbitration

EXPERIENCE

Jeremy's experience as a solicitor includes:

- Representing a mining company in a proceeding in the Queensland Supreme Court brought by a minor alleging personal injury from contamination. This involved complex factual, evidentiary, and legal issues, extensive expert evidence, and lengthy lay witness evidence. Notable issues arose in relation to the existence of a duty of care (in

particular, whether the company could be fixed with a 'public authority'-style duty, whether the alleged duty was compatible with a bespoke legislative regime, whether a 'duty to warn' existed), the alleged breach of that duty, and the causal link between that alleged breach and the alleged harm. Judgment in favour of the company was handed down in August 2023 after a four-week trial.

- Representing the co-owners of a shopping centre in proceedings in the Victorian Supreme Court in respect of various significant construction defects. This involved extensive expert evidence in respect of a significant number of highly complex construction defects and complex legal issues that threatened recovery.
- Representing a construction supply company in a proceeding in the Queensland Supreme Court brought against, among others, a former director and a former employee in connection with numerous unauthorised defalcations and the misappropriation of a corporate opportunity. Notable issues arose in relation to fiduciary duties and liability under the second limb of *Barnes v Addy*.
- Representing an ASX listed company and related entities in a Queensland District Court proceeding against counterparties to numerous 'business sale agreements', wherein the company alleged various breaches of those agreements. Notable issues arose in relation to contractual and statutory interpretation.
- Representing a national bank in enforcement proceedings brought against a defaulting borrower and guarantor in the Queensland District Court. This involved preparing for summary judgment and considering various issues relating to limitation periods, the operation of a set off clause, and allegedly unconscionable conduct engaged in by the bank.
- Representing an Australian port in multiple connected proceedings in the Federal Court of Australia arising from the collision of a vessel with a wharf and gantry container crane. This involved considering complex liability and insurance issues and preparing expert evidence.
- Representing a visual effects company in a proceeding in the Queensland District Court in connection with an allegedly negligent valuation. This involved preparing pleadings and expert evidence.
- Advising a large multinational mining company regarding litigation issues arising from a significant international project. This involved managing a significant body of evidence, conducting witness conferences with numerous technical and commercial witnesses, and considering complex, multi-jurisdictional commercial and technical issues.
- Advising a company regarding a contractual dispute in relation to defective rectification work carried out on the engines of a commercial vessel.
- Representing a multinational mining company in a proceeding in the Queensland Supreme Court in connection with a claim by an employee for coal worker's pneumoconiosis ('black lung disease') caused by occupational exposure to coal dust.
- Advising a multinational company in relation to competition issues arising from its Australian operations.
- Advising numerous national banks as to enforcement options under facility and security documentation in respect of defaulting borrowers and guarantors.
- Advising numerous national real estate investment firms in connection with defaulting retail tenants in retail centres across the country.

CAREER

2025 Barrister

2019 Solicitor, Allens

EDUCATION

2024 Bachelor of Civil Law (Distinction), University of Oxford

2018 Bachelor of Commerce (Finance), Bond University

2018 Bachelor of Laws (First Class Honours), Bond University

AWARDS

2023 St Cross College—Faculty of Law BCL Scholarship

2014-2018 First in Class awards (12 subjects)

2014-2018 Vice-Chancellor's Awards for Academic Excellence

2013 Collegiate Scholarship

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