

Jeremy Hyam KC

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Jeremy Hyam KC is a specialist in Clinical Negligence, Human Rights, Administrative and Public Law, Inquests and Public Inquiries, Professional Negligence, Professional Discipline and Environmental law. He has particular experience in all aspects of health law, including Mental Health, the regulation and discipline of doctors; contractual disputes, CQC regulation, NHS Procurement, the Health and Social Care Act, the Care Standards Tribunal, and cases concerning eligibility for and access to treatment including cases concerning community care.

Jeremy is ranked as a leading silk in Chambers and Partners and in the Legal 500. He was named one of The Lawyer's **Hot 100** in 2019.

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Legal 500 2025

"He is absolutely brilliant. He's very approachable and very knowledgeable, and gets things done quickly."

Chambers & Partners 2025

"He is a fantastic all-rounder who provides sound sensible advice on complex matters."

Chambers & Partners 2024

"Simply outstanding." "What an experienced advocate. He never fails to surprise people with his sheer dedication to cases and ability to get the best results."

Chambers & Partners 2023

Clinical Negligence

"Jeremy has total command of the most complex cases. He is really able to understand the most complex medical issues and is very reliable." (Chambers & Partners 2025)

"He is very intelligent, very hardworking and has a lovely style of advocacy. He is very easy to work with." (Chambers & Partners 2025)

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"Jeremy holds the client's confidence when dealing with the most sensitive and complex clinical negligence claims, especially those with unusual elements." (Chambers & Partners 2025)

"He is highly respected in court and is a great advocate." "Brilliant on difficult technical cases and confident and empathetic with clients." "He's very strategic, willing to go the extra mile and an absolute delight to work with." (Chambers & Partners 2024)

"Jeremy is very good at dealing with really technical cases." "He is clever and hard-working." "Jeremy provides clear and concise advice." "He is always able and willing to respond to questions and extremely approachable." (Chambers & Partners 2023)

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"A terrifically intelligent barrister who excels in cases with really difficult medicine evidence." (Legal 500 2021)

Selected Cases

- **DMB (2020):** High value cerebral palsy claim.
- **RA (2020):** High value claim for severe brain injury sustained at birth.
- **ARB v IVF Hammersmith [2018] EWCA Civ 2803 Holmes v West London Mental Health Trust (2018) Tucker v Griffiths [2016] EWHC 1214**
- **Williams v Bermuda Hospitals Board [2016] UKPC 4; [2016] 1 WLR (D) 50**
- **Thefaut v Johnston [2017] EWHC 497**
- **Hogg v Secretary of State for Health [2015] EWHC 267**

- **Ms B v An NHS Hospital Trust [2002] EWHC 429 (Fam):** Right to die with dignity.
- **H(A Healthcare Worker) v Associated Newspapers & Ors [2002] EWCA Civ 195:** HIV infected healthcare worker seeking to restrict disclosure.

Inquests

He has done a large number of inquests for bereaved, families, prisons, health trusts and other public bodies. He is a Trustee for the [Natasha Allergy Research Foundation](#).

Listen to Jeremy discuss the most significant developments in inquest law in 2018 on episode 58 of our podcast, Law Pod UK, [here](#).

Selected Cases

- **Dove v. HM Assistant Coroner for Teeside and Hartlepool and Anor [2023] EWCA Civ 289 – s.13** application to reopen inquest re. causation.
- **Natasha Ednan-Laperouse (2018):** a girl who died after eating a Pret sandwich from Heathrow Airport
- **Nicholas Bevan-Jones (2017):** 27 year old autistic man with learning difficulties who died after gross failures of observation at Southmead Hospital in Bristol.
- **Alice Mason Inquest:** 2 year old having previously undergone treatment for a brain tumour, died after doctors failed to spot that she had fluid on the brain.
- **R v Coroner for the Northern District of London [2010] EWHC 1263 (Admin):** Application under s.13 of Coroners Act 1998 to reopen inquest.

Public Inquiries

Jeremy is very experienced in Public Inquiry work having been lead counsel representing a key core participant in the Mid Staffordshire Public Inquiry over the course of 3 years, the Infected Blood Inquiry by MPS on behalf of a leading haematologist, and in the Covid-19 Inquiry as lead counsel on behalf of the group of Welsh Health bodies.

Selected Cases

- Covid-19 Inquiry (2023)
- Infected Blood Public Inquiry (2020)
- Mid Staffordshire Public Inquiry (2016)

Public Law

Jeremy is a very experienced practitioner in public law, including Judicial Review, particularly in the health field. He has been recommended by Chambers & Partners for a number of years:

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"Jeremy has an amazing intellect and is highly respected by the judiciary." (Chambers & Partners 2022)

"Jeremy is brilliant across the board almost all the time – drafting, on their feet and with clients. He instils confidence, delivers work on time and is a pleasure to work with with." (Legal 500 2022)

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"Jeremy is simply brilliant. Not only are his written arguments very persuasive, powerful and succinct but I have been lucky enough to experience his advocacy in court on several occasions and his advocacy is exceptional a result of which he has can be seen from the cases above overturned government legislation. In addition Jeremy has great compassion and understanding of client's needs." (Legal 500 2021)

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- **Dove v. HM Assistant Coroner for Teeside and Hartlepool and Anor [2023] EWCA Civ 289** – s.13 application to reopen inquest re. causation.
- **Glatter v West Herts Valleys CCG [2021] EWHC 12 (Admin)**: successful in defence of hospital reconfiguration judicial review.
- **R(ota) Mrs A, and Sue Evans v. Tavistock and Portman NHS Foundation Trust (2021)**: legal challenge to legality of transgender treatment for children
- **R(Asbestos Victim Support Group) v. Secretary of State (ongoing)**: legal challenge to review of the changes to LASPO and its effects on access to justice for asbestos victims
- **R(Roadpeace) v Secretary of State for Transport [2017] EWHC 2725** **Colaingrove v HMRC [2017] EWCA Civ 332**
- **R(Keep Wythenshawe Special) v Greater Manchester CCGs [2016] EWHC 17 (Admin)** **Mid Staffordshire Public Inquiry**
- **HMRC v Colaingrove [2015] UKUT 80**
- **R(BDA) v General Dental Council [2014] EWHC 4311**
- **R (Whitston, Asbestos Victims Support Groups Forum v Secretary of State for Justice [2014] EWHC 3044 (Admin) [2015] ACD 5 : [2015] 1 Costs LR 35**
- **R (JF) v NHS Sheffield Clinical Commissioning Group [2014] EWHC 1345 (Admin)** **Gifford v The Governor of HMP Bure & Ors [2014] EWHC 911 (Admin)**
- **R (Save Lewisham Hospital Campaign) v Trust Special Administrator and Anor [2013] EWCA Civ 1409** **Colaingrove Ltd v HMRC (Verandas) [2013] UKFTT 343**
- **R (Save our Surgery) v Joint Committee of Primary Care Trusts [2013] EWHC 439** **Corkteck Ltd v**

HMRC [2009] EWHC 1573

- **NF(Ghana) v Secretary of State for the Home Department [2008] EWCA Civ 906 R (Compton) v Wiltshire Primary Care Trust [2008] EWCA Civ 906**
- **K v Central & North West London Mental Health NHS Trust & Anor [2008] EWHC 1217 HMRC v EB Central Services [2008] EWCA Civ 486**
- **R (Rahman) v Haringey Teaching Primary Care Trust [2007] EWHC 584**
- **HM Revenue & Customs v Gracechurch Management Services [2007] EWHC 755 HM Revenue & Customs v EB Central Services [2007] EWHC 201**
- **R (Watts) v Bedford Primary Care Trust [2006] ECJ (Grand Chamber) Case C-372/04 R (Wyatt) v Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust [2006] EWCA Civ 529**
- **R (JB) v Haddock, Rigby & Wood [2006] HRLR 40; [2006] Lloyds Rep Med 433 R (B) v SS (1) SOAD (2) SoSH (3) [2006] 1 WLR 810; [2006] HRLR 14**
- **R (Malik) v Waltham Forest Primary Care Trust [2006] 3 All ER 71**

Professional Discipline & Regulation

"He is just excellent." (Chambers & Partners 2025)

"Jeremy is a formidable advocate who takes on points with ease." (Chambers & Partners 2025)

"A very tough opponent who really fights his client's corner." (Chambers & Partners 2024)

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- **Re M (2020)**: Successful appeal against refusal on specialist register of the GMC. **Re T (2020)**: Acted for professor in dispute over restrictions on his employment. **Andrew Gregg v North West Anglia NHS Foundation (2019) EWCA Civ 387**

- **DP v General Dental Council [2017] 4 WLR 14, NH v General Medical Council [2016] EWHC 2348**
- **Stevens v University of Birmingham [2015] EWHC 2300 (QB) [2015] IRLR 899; [2015] Med LR 489**
Bawa-Garba v General Medical Council [2015] EWHC 1277
- **Fynes v St George's Hospital NHS Trust [2014] EWHC 756 (QB) Houshian v General Medical Council [2012] EWHC 3458 (QB) Harry v General Medical Council [2012] EWHC 2762**
- **R (Patel) v General Medical Council [2012] EWHC 2012 EWHC 2120**
- **R (Singapore Medical Council) v General Medical Council [2006] EWHC 3277**
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Environmental Law

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- **Thornhill v Cambridge City Council & Anor [2015] EWCA Civ 340**
- **SI Green UK v Swansea Friends of the Earth & Information Commissioner [2013] UKUT 473**
- **Merthyr Tydfil Car Auction v Thomas [2013] EWCA Civ 815**
- **R (Baker) v Bath & North East Somerset County Council [2013] EWHC 946**
- **Thornhill & Ors v Nationwide Metal Recycling Limited [2011] EWCA Civ 919**
- **Austin v Miller Argent South Wales [2011] EWCA Civ 928**
- **R (Milner) v South Central Strategic Health Authority [2011] EWHC 218**
- **R (Garner) v Elmbridge Borough Council & Ors [2010] EWCA Civ 1006**
- **Steenberg & Anor v Enterprise Inns Plc & Anor [2010] EWCA Civ 201**
- **R (Birch) v Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council [2010] EWHC 416**
- **R (Repic) v The Scottish Environment Protection Agency and Anor [2009] EWHC 2015**
- **Morgan v Hinton Organics (Wessex) Ltd [2009] EWCA Civ 107**
- **Watson & Ors v Croft Promo-sport Ltd [2009] EWCA Civ 15**

Human Rights

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- **Winspear v City Hospitals Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust [2015] EWHC 3250 (QB) [2015] WLR (D) 468**
- **R (Rose) v Thanet Clinical Commissioning Group [2014] EWHC 1182**
- **R (Tracey) v Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust [2014] EWCA Civ 822 R (L) v West London Mental Health NHS Trust [2014] EWCA Civ 47**
- **R (On the application of Wright & Others) (Appellants) v Secretary of State for Health and another (Respondents) [2009] UKHL 3**
- **R (Vu) v Secretary of State for the Home Department [2008] EWHC 1192 (Admin) R (Rayner) v Secretary of State for the Home Department [2007] EWHC 1028**

Professional Negligence

Jeremy also provides both advisory and advocacy at all levels in professional negligence claims across the whole field of professional work but particularly in relation to barristers, solicitors, accountants and architects. He is member of the Professional Negligence Bar Association.

Appointments

- Deputy High Court Judge
- Recorder on the North Eastern Circuit
- Attorney General's A Panel of Counsel
- Attorney General's B Panel of Counsel
- Special Advocate (present)

Publications

- Editor for the 1COR Quarterly Medical Law Review (QMLR)
- Law Pod UK Ep. 58: 2018 Inquest law update
- Supreme Court Yearbook (Public Law) with Philip Havers KC (2017)
- Supreme Court Yearbook (Public Law) with Philip Havers KC (2016)
- Clinical Negligence (APIL) Medical Treatment and Human Rights (2013) with Philip Havers KC
- "Human Rights & Mental Health" (Chapter in *Human Rights and the Common Law*, Hart Publishing 2000)