

JEREMY CALLMAN

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(Chambers UK 2019)



Call 1991

Jeremy is ranked as a "Star Individual" by Chambers UK Bar 2020 in Partnership. "*Fantastic in every way: he possesses an encyclopaedic knowledge of partnership and LLP law, is incredibly thorough, fabulous with clients, erudite and utterly charming.*" "*His knowledge in partnership is second to none and he's simply brilliant.*" – Chambers UK Bar 2019

Jeremy has a chancery commercial practice, focusing on litigation. He has a strong reputation in partnership and LLP litigation. He regularly advises management on internal issues within partnerships/LLPs (including such issues as partner exits, team moves and restructuring). He represents both firms and individual partners, from solicitors, private equity, accountants, doctors and dentists to hedge funds, recruitment consultants, architects, theatrical agents and farmers. Additionally he regularly advises on non-contentious partnership matters.

He also acts on all manner of business related disputes, company disputes, professional negligence, insolvency and commercial matters.

Jeremy regularly represents clients at arbitrations and mediations.

Partnerships and LLPs

Recent Cases include:

- **Boyle v Burke [2020] 1 BCLC 524:** key case on partnership dissolution; whether a transfer of business had resulted in dissolution and the impact on partnership annuities.
- **Schillings International LLP v Scott [2019] EWHC 1335 (Ch), [2018] EWHC 1210 (Ch):** Injunction on behalf of the firm against departing member in advance of arbitration
- **Galloway v Independent Films Ltd [14.11.18, unreported]:** film based joint venture dispute, trial as regards alleged repudiation of the agreement
- **Dr B v Dr B [23.10.18, unreported]:** GP partnership dispute as regards exclusion from the partnership and partnership accounting, settled following day one of the trial

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- **Clough v Hirst & others [27.3.18, unreported]**: appearing on injunction application seeking reinstatement of a member of an LLP
- **W v I [2017]**: complex interlinked Arbitrations challenging expulsion of a partner, exploring numerous areas of developing law
- **Heathcliffe Properties Ltd v Dodhia [2016] EWHC 2628 (Ch)**: Important case on using contempt of court to enforce compliance with Court orders in the context of realising partnership assets
- **Chohan v Patel [26 May 2016]**: Freezing injunction obtained against assets of a solicitor partner in the course of a partnership dispute
- **Reinhard v Ondra LLP [2016] 2 BCLC 571**: Ground breaking case exploring the nature of members' interests in an LLP, whether members can be employees and what terms apply to members
- **Dr Shakarchi v Dr Muir [11 March 2014]**: GP partnership dispute regarding division of former partnership premises with injunctions sought.
- **Eaton v Caulfield & Others [2014] BCC 653**: Scope of unfair prejudice relief to bring about discontinuance of proceedings
- **Paul Castledine v (1) RSM Bentley Jennison (2) RSM Bentley Jennison Ltd [2012] Bus LR (D77)**: Whether former partner retained a share in the goodwill of a substantial accountancy firm.
- **Eaton v Caulfield & Others [2011] BCC 386**: Limited Liability Partnership: expulsion, unfair prejudice and just and equitable winding up in LLPs.

Arbitration

Recent Cases include:

- **Re H [2016]**: Acting as Legal Assessor to a surveyor arbitrator in a dispute in a professional partnership.
- **L v R [July 2015]**: Arbitration in a solicitor partnership dispute re restrictive covenants and notice provisions.
- **E v F [May 2014]**: Complex arbitration considering the application of repudiatory breach to LLP agreements.
- **Ellis v Coleman**: Construction of arbitration clauses (reported on Lawtel).

Property

Advising principally in the context of property related partnership disputes.

Recent Cases include:

- **Heathcliffe Properties Ltd v Dodhia [2016] EWHC 2628 (Ch)**: Important case on using contempt of court to enforce compliance with Court orders in the context of realising partnership property assets.
- **Re VA [2015 – 2016]**: Family partnership dispute involving numerous property interests.
- **Re G v C & C [2015]**: medical partnership dispute involving complex issues regarding partnership property.
- **Dr Shakarchi v Dr Muir [11 March 2014]**: GP partnership dispute regarding division of former partnership premises with injunctions sought re access to former partnership property.

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- **Re H** [2013]: acting in family farming partnership dispute involving substantial farm land assets (one of many similar farming partnership disputes in which property issues have arisen).

Commercial Chancery

Recent Cases include:

- **P v R**: Claim for £8 million of damages and for specific performance of a complex property transaction.
- **M v R**: Complex dispute regarding a joint venture for the development of a substantial multi-million pound shopping centre.
- **H v N**: Substantial franchising dispute in the fashion industry listed for an expedited trial before the High Court.

Recommendations

“Charming, very easy to work with, and good with the client, he is calm and measured in his approach and never gets into a flap.”

“A very user-friendly, incredibly approachable and very sensible person with broad knowledge of his subject. He’s highly respected and a very good man to have on your side.”

Chambers UK 2020 - Star Individual in Partnership

“Jeremy Callman regularly acts for managing partners of major law firms and accountancy firms in highly-sensitive internal issues, and has substantial experience in non-contentious matters including drafting and updating LLP agreements.”

“The standout barrister on all things partnership” – Leading Junior for Partnership

Legal 500 2020

Jeremy Callman “focuses his practice on high-value company and partnership litigation, acting for clients in a diverse array of issues in the field. He is well versed in representing both individuals and companies.”

WWL UK Bar 2019

“He knows all there is to know about partnership and LLP and is an excellent strategist.”

Legal 500 2018 - Partnership

“Excellent on partnership work” and “widely regarded as an expert in LLP matters and related litigation”.

Who’s Who Legal UK Bar 2018

‘Universally acknowledged for his unsurpassed combination of exhaustive technical knowledge, thoroughness of approach, formidable courtroom presence and excellence of client rapport.’

“As ever, right on top of the technical and commercial issues, and constantly accessible despite being always in demand. He’s a delight to work with.” “He is always incredibly thorough and has this annoying habit of always

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being proved right!”

Chambers UK 2018 - Partnership (Star Individual)

“He has an amazing bedside manner with instructing solicitors and clients alike.”

Legal 500 2017

“One of the best minds at the Partnership Bar, with the highest service level I have ever experienced. His relentless cross-examination is a joy to behold and his thoroughness, intellectual rigour and sheer determination come through when the pressure is on and at trial.” “He’s like gold dust. He’s very pragmatic, has in-depth understanding and adapts his approach to the matter in hand.”

Chambers UK 2017 - Partnership (Star Individual)

Chambers UK 2016 rank him as a “star individual” in the practice area and report the he is “Hugely bright, yet uncomplicated in his advice, he’s a great senior partnership counsel”. “Inventive and industrious, he always has a different angle on a case”. “cited by several interviewees as their barrister of choice for partnership matters, due to his comprehensive knowledge, thorough preparation and high degree of client-friendliness”.

Chambers UK 2016

“He is without doubt one of the most brilliant minds at the Bar in relation to LLP and partnership law.”

Legal 500 2016

Chambers UK 2015 described him as “widely acknowledge as one of the leading partnership specialists, he is a great team player with a head for detail, who is loved by clients”. “Extremely bright, hard-working and commercially aware, he’s an individual who inspires confidence in clients”.

Chambers UK 2015

“Outstanding in his legal skills and his rapid grasp of sensitive issues”.

Legal 500 2015

Chambers UK 2014 dubbed him “a partnership colossus” and “a thorough and devastating tactician when handling disputes”. Sources quoted say: “he is an absolute star of the junior partnership Bar – there is nothing he doesn’t know about partnership law”, “a fantastic all-rounder” and “when the going gets tough, he is the man to go to”.

Chambers UK 2014

Previous Legal 500 editions acknowledge him as “one of the best minds at the partnership Bar”; “excellent”; “rightly considered one of the foremost partnership experts in the market” and “praised as having a very good team behind him” “a number-one choice for court work” who “really understands the practical reality of how professional partnerships operate” and as “extremely personable”.

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Qualifications

- Cambridge University
- Astbury Scholar, Middle Temple
- Lechmere Prize Winner, Middle Temple
- Westminster School

Appointments

- Served on Bar Professional Standards Committee
- Barrister representative on the Committee of the Association of Partnership Practitioners for over 6 years

Associations & Memberships

- The Association of Partnership Practitioners
- Chancery Bar Association
- Professional Negligence Bar Association
- Property Bar Association

Publications

- Appeared on Radio Four
- The Sunday Times
- The Mail on Sunday
- The Solicitors Journal
- Practical Law: practice notes on numerous different topics including: Team Moves, Member Interests, Partner Exits and Tips in partnership and LLP litigation
- The Association of Partnership Practitioners magazine
- A Partnership Litigator's FAQs
- The Journal of International Banking Law

Speaking Engagements

- Regularly delivering in house training sessions at firms including Herbert Smith Freehills, Clifford Chance, Linklaters, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, Eversheds Sutherland, Fox Williams, Lewis Silkin, Baker & McKenzie, Grant Thornton, Slater and Gordon, Winckworth Sherwood and many more firms.
- Run training seminars for, Jordans, Lexis Nexis, MBL, Employment Law Association, Association of Partnership Practitioners and many others.
- Delivered webinars for Lexis Nexis, MBL and other providers.
- MBL full day seminar: A Toolkit for Common Scenarios in partnership and LLP litigation.
- MBL: Covenants, Garden Leave & Confidentiality in Partnership Agreements.
- MBL: The Law & Practice of Partner & Member Exits.

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- Lexis Nexis: Partners, Workers, Employees – The Implications of recent case law.

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