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Jeremy Farrell

Jeremy was admitted to the Bar in 2018.

Jeremy has experience across a broad range of matters relating to planning law, administrative law, environmental prosecutions, mining law, native title, local government, energy and resources, property, access to information and ICAC inquiries.

He has appeared in the NSW Court of Appeal, the Supreme Court, the Land and Environment Court of NSW, the Local Court, and NCAT.

Prior to coming to the Bar, he was a solicitor at Minter Ellison for 10 years in the environment and planning practice group, being appointed Senior Associate in 2014.

Jeremy graduated from University of Sydney, BA.LLB (First Class Hons) in 2007, and was admitted as a solicitor of the Supreme Court of NSW in 2009. He was a Law Society Accredited Specialist in Planning and Environmental Law 2016, and lectured in Mining and Resources Law in NSW at the University of New South Wales.

Jeremy, acting pro bono, was senior solicitor for the Homeless Persons Legal Service and is currently on the pro bono panel of practitioners for bushfire relief.

In April 2021, Jeremy was listed as “*Recommended*” Junior Counsel in the Doyles Guide for Leading Planning & Environment Barristers.

His interests outside the law include triathlons, surfing, fishing, rugby and travelling with a toddler.

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Selected cases

As sole counsel

- *Jarvis v Ku-ring-gai Council* [2021] NSWLEC 1447 (successfully prosecuted appeal for a proposed child care centre in a heritage listed building in Ku-ring-gai LGA)
- *Michael Brown Planning Strategies v Wingecarribee Shire Council* [2019] NSWLEC 1311 (successfully defended an appeal for residential flat building in a flood prone area)
- *Pinchgut Pty Ltd v Central Coast Council* [2021] NSWLEC 1527 (successfully defended an appeal for a boarding house in breach of development standards on Central Coast)
- *Platform Architects Pty Ltd v Northern Beaches Council* [2020] NSWLEC 185 (successfully obtained planning approval for boarding house in Northern Beaches LGA)
- *Australian Nursing Home Foundation Limited v Ku-ring-gai Council* [2019] NSWLEC 1205 (appeared against C McEwen SC and M Staunton in relation to seniors housing development in Ku-ring-gai)

As junior counsel

- *Kavich v Holt* [2020] NSWLEC 173 (Class 4 civil enforcement proceedings, led by I. Hemmings SC)
- *Stokes v Waverley Council (No 2)* [2019] NSWLEC 174 (successful appeal of Commissioner's decision to refuse DA due to absence of landowner's consent, led by A. Galasso SC)
- *Syncept Chatham Pty Ltd v City of Ryde Council* [2019] NSWLEC 170 (Class 4 judicial review proceedings, successful challenge of an interim heritage order, led by T. To)
- *Black Hill Residents Group Incorporated v Marist Youth Care Limited (t/as Marist180) (No 5)* [2021] NSWLEC 43 (successful Class 4 civil enforcement proceedings acting for the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services, led by McKelvey)
- *Chief Executive Office of Environment and Heritage v Somerville (No 2)* [2021] NSWLEC 78 (Class 5 criminal prosecution for offences under the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*, reduction of penalty of defendant)
- *Omay Investments Pty Limited v Dean Street Holdings Pty Limited (No 5)* [2020] NSWLEC 9 (significant class 4 civil enforcement proceedings appealed to NSWCA, led by J. Lazarus SC)

Inquiries

- Independent Commission Against Corruption: Operation Dasha – Inquiry into Canterbury Bankstown Council

As solicitor

Land and Environment Court of NSW

- *Gloucester Resources Limited v Minister for Planning* [2019] NSWLEC 7; *Stratford Coal Pty Ltd v Minister for Planning* [2019] NSWLEC 8: Class 1 merit appeal for open cut coal mine, instructing solicitor for Stratford

Supreme Court of NT

- *Joondanna Investments Pty Ltd v The Minister for Lands, Planning and the Environment & Anor* [2014] NTSC 58 and related proceedings (judicial review of development consent for major shopping centre)

ICAC

- Independent Commission Against Corruption: Operation Acacia – Inquiry into grant of exploration licence 7270
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