

Jeremy Wright MP



Attorney General

Constituency: [Kenilworth and Southam](#), West Midlands

Majority: 12,552

Party: Conservative



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Relevant contributions

- A summary of his relevant Parliamentary contributions can be found [here](#).

Responsibilities

As Attorney General

Overall responsibility for the work of the Attorney General's Office and superintended Departments (the Treasury Solicitor's Department, the Crown Prosecution Service with the Revenue and Customs Prosecution Office, the Serious Fraud Office, the Services Prosecuting Authority and HM Crown Prosecution Service Inspectorate).

Specific statutory duty to superintend the discharge of duties by the Director of Public Prosecutions (who heads the Crown Prosecution Service and the Revenue and Customs Prosecution Office) and the Director of the Serious Fraud Office; non-statutory oversight of the Services Prosecuting

Authority and government prosecuting departments; Government's principal legal adviser dealing with questions of international law, European Community/Union law, human rights, devolution issues, and public interest functions; questions of law arising on Bills and with issues of legal policy, legal aspects of all major international and domestic litigation involving the Government.

Parliamentary Career

Opposition Whip 2007-10;
Government Whip 2010-12;
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (Minister for Prisons and Rehabilitation), Ministry of Justice 2012-14;
Attorney General 2014-

Past Select committees

Member: Constitutional Affairs 2005-07

All-party groups (membership)

Member: [West Coast Main Line](#) Group

Party posts

Chair, Warwick and Leamington Conservative Association 2002-03

Political interests

Criminal justice, education, foreign affairs, dementia

Profile

A youngish barrister, Jeremy Wright practised his advocacy skills for three years as an Opposition Whip before crossing the lobby to the Government Whips' Office in 2010. A little over two years later he got his first ministerial post as junior Minister for Prisons and Rehabilitation in the Department of Justice.

In 2005 he narrowly recaptured Rugby and Kenilworth, lost to Labour in 1997, at his first election for public office. Five years later, after major boundary changes, he had a majority of 12,552 in the new and much safer seat in spite of a small swing to the Liberal Democrats. The turnout was nearly 76 per cent.

Born in Taunton in 1972, the son of two teachers, he went to Taunton public school, spent his gap year at Trinity School in New York and read law at Exeter University.

Interested in advocacy and politics since the age of nine, he joined the Conservative Party at fifteen. At university he was chairman of the Conservative Association and national vice-chairman of Conservative students. He worked in Washington for a "very conservative" Republican congressman as part of an English Speaking Union Congressional exchange.

He qualified as a barrister at the Inns of Court Law School, was called to the Bar in 1996 and practised, mainly in criminal law, entirely in the West Midlands. He sees politics as an extension of his passion for advocacy.

In 2002 he was the youngest ever chairman of the Warwick and Leamington Conservative Association.

Politically he sees himself as right in the centre of his Party, to the Right on economics, to the Left on social issues. His chief policy interests are criminal justice, education and foreign affairs, especially US politics. He opposes the European Constitution and membership of the single currency. He supported David Cameron in the 2005 leadership contest.

He campaigned on crime as his top priority, and also on health and education. As a Whip he is a rare contributor to debates, but he has spoken on violent crime, terrorism, legal aid, restructuring, student finance and Equitable Life. He was one of forty-seven Conservative MPs who voted for the smoking ban in 2006.

He served on the Select Committee on Constitutional Affairs for two years before his appointment as a Whip. He founded and chaired the All-Party Group on Dementia, and held office on groups on employee ownership and sewers and sewerage.

He moved to live in the constituency immediately after his selection in 2002. His American-born wife Yvonne gave birth to their daughter a few days after the 2005 general election. He lists his hobbies as travel, especially to the USA, music, James Bond films and playing golf "badly".

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