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Memberships

- North Eastern Circuit
- Association of Regulatory & Disciplinary Lawyers
- Criminal Bar Association
- Lincoln's Inn

Education

- BA (Hons) Law & Sociology, University of Warwick (Class Iii, 1995-1999)
- Bar Vocational Course, Inns of Court School of Law (Very Competent, 2000)

Criminal

Stephen is recommended as a Leading Junior in Chambers and Partners for his fraud work. He is experienced in paper heavy cases of complexity including sensitive issues of disclosure, legal professional privilege and public interest immunity often international in scope.

He is regularly instructed to prosecute and defend in cases of murder and attempted murder and has experience relating particularly to complicated neuropathological evidence.

He is regularly instructed in large regulatory offending by both individuals and companies, notably defending multi-billion pound corporate clients in relation to health and safety, environmental and Trading Standards prosecutions ranging in seriousness from technical weights and measures offences to breaches of health and safety regulations resulting in death.

Stephen has considerable experience of cases involving rape and other serious sexual offences.

Stephen is able to understand complex issues and communicate them in clear language to those he represents. He is widely recognised for his level of skill and detail.

His list of lay clients includes Rolls Royce PLC, Joy Mining PLC, UK Wood PLC, Princes Ltd and Northern Gas Networks Ltd.

Recent instructions have included the prosecution of matters relating to terrorism.

Criminal Cases

R v A B & Others (2021), Instructed to represent a teenager, 17 at the time, for the alleged murder of a man who attended an address in Bradford seeking drugs. The defendant was one of four on trial who each sought to blame AB for the death. Stephen cross examined the Neuropathologist in relation to complicated opinion evidence relating to the evidenced brain injuries.

R v CE (2021), instructed to represent this youth in relation to an allegation of one punch manslaughter.

R v RC & Others (2020), Defendant a young man alleged to have attempted to kill a rival gang member in Sheffield. Following a dismissal argument and before trial, the Crown dropped all offences against the defendant.

Operation Hairball (2020) Leading Counsel for successful prosecution of 12 members of an organised crime group after the disruption of the largest commercial counterfeit cigarette and hand rolling tobacco production line was discovered in the United Kingdom.

Barker & Goldsmith, Newcastle Crown Court (2019) Successful prosecution for murder case that was particularly difficult due to the severe mental and physical disabilities of the defendant and expert evidence was central to prove defendant participated in actions.

R -v- Khaliq and others, Sheffield Crown Court (2019) Defence of man in the latest Rotherham Grooming trial following the death of one of the complainants.

R -v- Louis Duxbury, York Crown Court (2019) Successful prosecution of a man who posted a video after the London Bridge terrorist attack, suggesting it was not extremism but Islam which was responsible for the terrorist actions.

R -v- David Octavious Pearson, Manchester Crown Court (2019) Instructed by the specialist confiscation unit of the CPS to prosecute a variation in this confiscation order.

R -v- Nikki Deaney, Nottingham Crown Court (2017) Defence of a carer who was prosecuted after she lost sight of a vulnerable man with special needs she was responsible for during an activity day at a lake. Tragically, the man was found minutes later having drowned following a suspected seizure at the lakeside.

R -v- Tarmac Trading Ltd, Liverpool Crown Court (2016) Defence of the Company following the tragic death of a pedestrian killed by a motorist passing through roadworks.

Operation Dedlock (2016) Successful prosecution of a Teesside Gang responsible for the movement of kilos of heroin, cocaine, amphetamine and a shotgun into Middlesbrough.

Operation Tavernhouse (2016) Successful prosecution of West Yorkshire factory owner Mohammed Rafiq in a people trafficking case. Trafficked men were forced to work up to 16 hours a day for as little as £10 per week, with up to 43 men living in a 4-bedroomed house.

R -v- Jumaane Bruce, Manchester Crown Court (2015) Successful prosecution. In revenge for a slight made by another man on a busy Stockport street, the Defendant disguised himself and retrieved a shotgun, discharging that firearm and causing damage to an innocent by-stander's car in order to cause fear.

R -v- Manners, Alcock and Estridge, Manchester Crown Court (2015) Successful prosecution of Stockport armourer Manners, and Liverpool criminals Alcock and Estridge following a botched gun exchange which saw a hand gun and ammunition abandoned in a Stockport residential hedgerow, only to be discovered by local children playing.

R -v- R, Bradford Crown Court (2015) Defence of a property developer who faced multiple counts of fraud relating to land and property developments, and financial contracts in Crete totalling in excess of 5 million pounds.

R -v- Richard Lyne, Teesside Crown Court (2013) Successful defence of an employee alleged to have used his position as a web-developer to award contracts to his own company worth in excess of 1 million pounds without permission, and profiting in excess of £200,000.

Operation Dumpcart/Dorsal (2012-13) Successful prosecution of 17 Defendants involved in a large-scale VAT reclaim fraud. All of the Defendants charged were convicted.

Regina -v- UK Wood PLC, Teesside Crown Court (2013) Defence of the Company following the tragic death of a worker killed when he walked into the path of a large "front loading shovel" vehicle. Unintended breaches of Health and Safety Regulations were found to have contributed to this accidental death.

Regina -v- Rolls Royce PLC, Derby Crown Court (2013) Defence of this leading £ multi-billion corporate entity in relation to alleged Health and Safety breaches at one of their factories.

Regina -v- Joy Mining Ltd, Leeds Crown Court (2012) Led by Peter Gower QC, represented a £2 billion global company as they were prosecuted following the death of a miner beneath hydraulic props they manufactured.

Recommendations

“Stephen is charming, persuasive and blessed with a penetrating intellect.”

Chambers and Partners 2024

“A great diplomat. Stephen’s grasp of a case and attention to detail is second to none”

The Legal 500 2024

“He does a lot of heavyweight work and is good on the detail.”

Chambers and Partners 2023

“Stephen is a highly experienced criminal barrister, particularly renowned for his fraud and regulatory work.” Crime

The Legal 500 2022

“He has a commanding presence in court and the respect of both the judiciary and fellow advocates.” Crime

The Legal 500 2021

“A formidable advocate.” Crime

The Legal 500 2020

“A very talented advocate.” Crime

“He is very detail-focused.” Regulatory, Health and Safety, and Licensing

The Legal 500 2018/19

“Experienced in prosecuting serious health and safety matters.” Regulatory, Health and Safety, and Licensing

“Experienced in complex criminal cases.” Crime

The Legal 500 2017

“His attention to detail and flair in court make him a powerful advocate.” Crime

“A powerful advocate, who has flair in the courtroom and careful attention to detail.” Regulatory, Health and Safety, and Licensing
The Legal 500 2016

“He is excellent on detail and has a great grasp of every case he is involved in.” Crime

“Very bright – he is a balanced and fair advocate.” Financial Crime
Chambers and Partners 2022

“Very effective – he presents clear, logical arguments.” Crime

“He is methodical and hard-working – definitely a strong junior.”
Financial Crime
Chambers and Partners 2021

“He has a very good manner with people and is very effective with juries.” Crime

“He’s very impressive, and has a bearing far beyond his years.”
Financial Crime
Chambers and Partners 2020

“He’s very thorough, very on top of his brief and knows the detail very well.” “He is outstanding in his case preparation, advocacy and client care.” Crime and Financial Crime
Chambers and Partners 2019

“He has an excellent grasp of every case. He’s a strong analytical lawyer and a great advocate.” Financial Crime

“He is a solid performer and a good preparer of cases.” Financial
Crime

“He is a committed lawyer.” Crime
Chambers and Partners 2018

“Extremely efficient and extremely pleasant to deal with. In some very difficult situations he smoothed the path and enabled the case to progress.” “A strong advocate with excellent analytical ability.”
Financial Crime

“He does a lot of cross-country work and gets down to the real issues of a complex case quickly.” Crime

“He is pragmatic and explains things to clients in simple terms, making this area of law more accessible and understandable.”

Financial Crime

Chambers and Partners 2017

“A highly respected financial crime junior with extensive experience in major domestic and international cases. He is particularly adept at representing individuals and multinationals on a range of issues including investment fraud and cyber crime.” “He is pragmatic and explains things to clients in simple terms, making this area of law more accessible and understandable.” Financial Crime

“A Grade 4 prosecutor, Stephen Grattage is regularly instructed to work on criminal cases such as fraud, regulatory offences and breach of health and safety regulations. He has particular expertise in cases involving computer-related crime.” Crime

Chambers and Partners 2016

Other Comments

Comment by a leading silk based on a number of large and complex cases with Stephen: “*His case preparation is meticulous. His knowledge of substantive criminal law, procedure and evidence is second to none*”.

Comment by Senior Crown Prosecutor: “*A personable, articulate and respected Advocate*”. “*He has gravitas and presence in court and is highly respected by colleagues and the Judiciary. As a seasoned Advocate, much of the work undertaken by him is complex and involves a high degree of case ownership*”.

Beyond the Bar

Stephen is a chicken and beagle owner. When not working or separating the pets, Stephen likes to spend his time with his wife and children.

Stephen was proud to act as secretary of the TeamVerrico cancer charity during its foundation. The work they do with the mothers of young children who are diagnosed with terminal cancer continues to inspire him, and is a fitting tribute to his friend, Anna Verrico.