

Stephen Harvey QC

General Information

For the first 11 years, Stephen had a general common law practice. It developed into a heavyweight criminal practice and, in 1990, he joined the Attorney-General's Chambers, where he spent the following 16 years prosecuting and defending in serious criminal cases of all types.

Over the last 15 years, Stephen has developed a direct professional access practice and expanded into regulatory, compliance and professional disciplinary fields, utilising his tactical and forensic skills. He has interests in witness familiarisation training and in lecturing on a variety of legal topics, particularly in relation to the expert witness.

Stephen is qualified to accept instructions directly from members of the public and professional clients under the Direct Public Access scheme. He is one of the few members of the bar authorised to conduct litigation. He receives instructions from throughout the UK and abroad.

Areas of law

- Criminal Law
- Business Crime
- Private Prosecutions
- Compliance and Corporate Governance
- Public Law and Regulatory
- Planning Enforcement
- Inquests
- Inquiries
- Disciplinary Tribunals
- Military Law and Courts Martial
- Sports Law

Crime

Stephen has represented clients and prosecuted cases a wide range of criminal cases, including:

- Sexual offences
- Fraud
- Proceeds of crime and money laundering
- Bribery and corruption
- Espionage
- Hijacking
- Abuse of process
- Homicide
- Kidnapping and blackmail
- Drugs
- Computer crime and copyright theft
- Explosives and firearms
- Modern slavery
- Criminal appeals
- Military law and Courts Martial

Public and Regulatory

Stephen's significant public and regulatory experience includes acting in cases involving:

- Financial regulations
- Other regulatory work, including the General Dental Council
- Trading standards
- Private prosecutions
- Health and Safety
- Planning enforcement
- Inquests
- Disciplinary tribunals
- Corporate governance and bribery
- Inquiries

Sports

Stephen has successfully represented sportsmen and women (some of national significance) before their disciplinary bodies for a variety of matters. He has sat as the Legal Chair of a Disciplinary Appeal Panel involving international athletes.

Stephen has been instructed to investigate an Olympic athlete's conduct following a series of complaints. He has recently advised an international club on match-fixing issues and investigations by the ICC. He has also advised in relation to matters before the British Horseracing Authority.

Memberships

- Associate - Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
- The Criminal Bar Association
- The Proceeds of Crime Lawyers Association
- The British Academy of Forensic Sciences
- The Association of Regulatory and Disciplinary Lawyers
- The Health and Safety Lawyers Association
- The Public Access Bar Association

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