

# Mr Stephane Osborne

## General Information

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Following transfer to the Bar from the Roll of Solicitors, Stephane has a foundation and knowledge base in all areas of personal injury, business and commercial law, property, private family law and employment law. His straightforward and approachable style, excellent handling with lay clients and commercial awareness make for an outstanding combination. He is unambiguous in his advice and strives to achieve clear communication with his clients, setting ambitious but realistic goals.

## Professional background

Stephane regularly appears at hearings in the County, Business and Property Courts in Leeds and Manchester and the High Court, as well as attending settlement meetings, negotiations and mediations. He accepts instructions to advise in conference, to draft pleadings and to undertake court appearances at all levels. His detail-orientated yet straightforward style ensures he enjoys a good relationships with clients, tribunals and courts alike and achieve excellent case outcomes.

Stephane combines his busy legal practice with an academic interest in the Law. He is a lecturer in Tort and Contract Law, Civil and Commercial Litigation and Advocacy at BPP University. He is also working towards a PhD in Law at Lancaster University, having secured the Access to Justice scholarship. He is an external examiner for the Bar Standards Board and a member of the Law Society Access to Justice committee.

In May 2020, Stephane was appointed by the Lord Chief Justice as a Civil Deputy District Judge on the North Eastern Circuit.

## Current roles

- Deputy District Judge (Civil)
- Currently working towards a PhD in access to justice.
- Law lecturer at BPP
- External examiner for the Bar Standards Board
- Committee member of the Law Society's access to justice committee.

## Areas of Expertise

### - Employment Law

Stephane has a particular interest in discrimination claims, including those arising from mental health issues. He undertakes Unfair Dismissal, Sex Discrimination and TUPE cases. He continues to grow his own successful employment practice. He is happy to provide representation at all stages of claim.

### - Family Law

For private monetary and child arrangements, Stephane provides legal support from the first appointment through to Final Hearings. He accepts instructions from private and publicly funded clients and represent clients in all stages of Financial Remedy Proceedings and Child Arrangement proceedings.

### - Personal Injury Claims

Stephane represent individuals in a wide range of Personal Injury cases including Road Traffic Accidents, Employer Liability, Public Liability, Travel. He undertakes all range of matters including drafting statements of case and representation at CMC's, CCMC's and final hearings including Stage 3's and contested liability trials.

- Business and Commercial Law

Stephane practises in all areas of Commercial and Chancery Law, including commercial and consumer contract disputes. He provides advice and representation in cases relating to Personal and Corporate Bankruptcy and Insolvency, Debt Recovery and Sale of Goods and Services claims.

- Property Law

Taking instructions from private, corporate and social landlords as well as secured lenders, Stephane works in many areas of Property Law including Repossession Proceedings, Party Wall Act disputes, TOLATA and breaches of Houses of Multi-occupancy rules.

- Costs

Covering the complete range of inter party costs matters, Stephane represents clients on complex and high value cases including disputes over retainers, insurance premiums and cost assessments.

- Consumer

Stephane conducts a wide range of consumer law cases including Flight Delay and Holiday sickness, Housing Disrepair and Mis-selling Claims such as Cavity Wall Insulation and financial Mis-Selling.

**Other**

Stephane is authorised by the Bar Standards Board to accept direct access instructions and also to conduct litigation.

**Personal**

Stephane is a Tottenham Hotspur season ticket holder and a self confessed foodie.

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