

Stephen Harvey KC

General Information

Stephen commenced his legal practice following careers in mechanical engineering, business and local government. His first 11 years at the bar involved a mixed bag of common law cases. It developed into a heavyweight criminal practice and, in 1990, he was invited to join 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 very successful direct professional access practice and has expanded particularly into regulatory, compliance and professional disciplinary fields, utilising his honed tactical and forensic skills cultivated before juries. He has advised and represented professionals from a variety of disciplines when regulatory problems have arisen, and has particular experience before sporting tribunals where he has sat as the Appeal Chair of an international sporting body, and has carried out investigations in relation to sporting safeguarding issues.

He has spoken on a variety of legal topics, and has particular expertise in the cross-examination of expert witnesses.

Stephen is one of the few members of the bar authorised to conduct litigation, thereby avoiding the need in some cases for the client to also instruct a solicitor.

Stephen 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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