



Stephen Harvey QC

Year of Call: 1979

Year of Silk: 2006

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Public and Regulatory

Financial:

Stephen has spent some time over the past five years advising on the ever-increasing volume of regulation affecting the financial sectors.

He has advised an overseas investment bank in relation to its obligations under the European Market Infrastructure Regulations (MMIR), the Markets in Financial Instruments Directive (MiFID II), the obligations that the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) imposes (introduced by the American government with effect from July 2013) and of its responsibilities under the Dodd-Frank Act.

The economic situation has also seen a growth in the number of small to medium sized businesses enter the 'Peer to Peer' lending market. He has advised a small British PLC wishing to create a peer to peer lending operation on the regulatory framework attaching to such an operation.

- AL Ltd – Advised upon and prepared detailed skeleton submissions for the Chancery Division in the Financial Conduct Authority's application for a Restitution Order for £17.5 million under s.382 Financial Services and Markets Act 2000.

Other regulatory:

- R v C Z – Successfully argued for a low-level penalty having analysed the way in which breaches of the Control of Asbestos regulations 2012 had occurred. The fines imposed were 1/5th of those originally expected.
- GDC v S – Defended in a General Dental Council prosecution in a case involving cosmetic treatment and breaches of the Dentists Act 1984.
- Dr. J – Care Quality Commission application for cancellation of a GP's practice registration under the Health and Social Care Act 2012.
- XX – Advised and represented a red brick university in disciplinary hearings of students.

Trading standards:

- JB – Represented a firm of surveyors who were prosecuted for various contraventions of the Trading Standards Unfair Trading Regulations 2008.
- BC v SCS – Instructed to institute and conduct a private prosecution under regulations 8 and 9 of the Trading Standards Unfair Trading Regulations 2008.

Private prosecutions:

Stephen is well placed to advise upon, and conduct, private prosecutions.

- MO – Secured a full indemnity of costs incurred by a private prosecutor in a failed private prosecution.
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Health and Safety:

- R v M – Advised upon the prosecution of a nursery school where a 3-year-old child died in an accident whilst at school. The case eventually went to judicial review where Stephen's advice as to what course the case should take was approved and upheld by the Queen's Bench Division.
- R v S – Alleged breaches of workplace regulations concerning welding equipment. Employee died in an explosion and the HSE investigated. Advised from the outset and before the client was interviewed. As a result, the HSE were persuaded not to prosecute the client although others were.

Planning enforcement:

- R v BP – Alleged breaches of planning regulations over a 10-year period. Successfully argued technical failures in the prosecution case leading to acquittals on all matters and a full indemnity of costs.
- R v SL – Successfully argued highly technical issues regarding planning enforcement proceedings taken by a local authority against a person with no legal or equitable interest in the property. Client obtained a full indemnity of the costs incurred.
- R v P – A planning enforcement case involving technical submissions regarding the local authority's litigation procedures. Case resulted in an acquittal after three days of legal argument. The client was awarded all of his costs.

Inquests:

- XX – Represented a senior police officer in an inquest involving a death in custody. Prospective criminal proceedings, particularly under the Corporate Homicide Act 2007, did not follow.
- XX1 – Represented the family of a deceased who died as a result of alleged medical negligence whilst in hospital. Key witnesses were cross-examined at this critical stage to facilitate the progress of the civil action in clinical negligence against the doctors and the health authority.
- XX2 – Client involved in a fatal road traffic accident and was facing a criminal prosecution for causing the death and a civil action for damages. Successfully cross-examined key witnesses at this key stage of the matter resulting in no prosecution taking place.
- XX3 – Corporate client, and a director of the company, involved as Interested Parties in a fatality on a construction site. Criminal proceedings were not subsequently undertaken by the police.

Disciplinary tribunals:

Stephen has successfully represented doctors, dentists, solicitors, members of the bar, police officers and footballers before Disciplinary Tribunals and Commissions.

Corporate governance and bribery:

Stephen has both written and lectured to several audiences on the Bribery Act 2010 and its implications worldwide.

To date, much of the corporate governance and Bribery Act 2010 work has been in the form of advising organisations as to protocols, procedures and processes.

Military law and Courts Martial:

- Captain CM – The defendant was an officer in the TA who was eventually charged with spying contrary to section 1 of the Official Secrets Act. with spying. Stephen represented her from the moment of her arrest. She spent some six months in closed custody following which a successful application for habeas corpus was made. Following her release, the matter was passed over to the civilian authorities. The case resulted in an acquittal.

- Major JG – This officer was the Range Safety Officer at a live firing range in Alberta, Canada. He served as such during the British Army’s tenancy of the range. There were some fatalities culminating in the death of two soldiers who were killed by tank mortar due to an error in the transmission of firing coordinates. The officer was charged with two counts of negligent manslaughter. The courts martial lasted two weeks and resulted in acquittals upon both counts.

Inquiries:

Stephen has appeared in inquiries and public meetings concerning, inter alia, the retention of medical services (a doctor’s surgery) in a community during health service restructuring, and the inadequate provision of sewage plant by a water company resulting in environmental pollution in an area of outstanding natural beauty.

Stephen successfully represented a client in a public inquiry regarding an application to alter the path of an ancient and historically significant public right of way. Against considerable opposition from residents and historical societies, he was successful.

Unusual cases:

- R v H – Defended a mortician charged with theft of body parts from a number of different hospital mortuaries over a number of years. A non-custodial sentence was secured.
- R v S – Defence of a fisherman in which the legitimacy of the entire European fishing quota system was in issue. Issues such as the legislation being unlawful due to reasons of anti-competitiveness were advanced as well as other constitutional issues involving the interaction between UK and European legislation.
- WV v A School – Successful defence of the Board of School Governors and three of its teachers against an accusation of racial discrimination.
- Stephen has also represented a Deputy Head teacher from a different school who was suspended pending accusations which amount to accusations of gross misconduct and potential summary dismissal. The teacher was reinstated.

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Recommendations

Stephen has been rated by both of the two main professional directories:

Chambers & Partners states that ‘Stephen is a meticulous and confident performer who is both charming and hardworking’. He is active in a wide range of areas, and has notable specialisations in fraud and copyright theft’.

‘...(he) honed his skills in engineering and financial services before coming to the Bar. He wins acclaim for his charming manner and clear-headedness’.

Legal 500 particularly refers to his, ‘...wealth of experience in the cross-examination of experts (in a variety of fields) and (he)

has lectured...on the topic of 'The expert witness'.

Academic qualifications

- LLB(Hons)(Lond)

Professional qualifications & appointments

- Associate Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

Professional bodies

- 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.