

Stephen Grattage

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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)

Health & Safety CV

Overview

Stephen 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.

He is a Specialist Regulatory Advocate (List B), and experienced in inquests, through trial at the Crown Court, High Court and Court of Appeal.

Stephen is able to understand complex issues and communicate them in clear language to those he represents. He is widely recognised as having a level of skill and detail well beyond his year of call.

Stephen is recommended for his Crime work and as a Leading Junior in Fraud. 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.

Stephen is a Category 4 Prosecutor and a member of the General Medical Council's panel of prosecuting advocates.

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

Ranked Tier 2 for Crime (General and Fraud)

The Legal 500 2023

“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.”

“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

“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

“He is dedicated and driven, with expertise beyond his call.” Crime

“He is renowned for his care and attention to detail.” Financial Crime
Chambers and Partners 2015

“He is dedicated and driven, with expertise significantly beyond his year of call.”

Financial Crime

Chambers and Partners 2014

“Stephen Grattage is based in Exchange Chambers’ Leeds office, and can lay claim to a significant serious crime and criminal fraud defence practice ...” Financial Crime

Chambers and Partners 2013

“Good reputation in cross-border fraud and conspiracy cases”. He was acknowledged as “an effective and sensible practitioner with an excellent grasp of the intricacies surrounding any case he deals with” Financial Crime

Chambers and Partners 2012

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.

Cases

HSE v Tarmac Trading Ltd (2017) – led by John Cooper QC in the trial of Tarmac following the death of a pedestrian, hit by a car as he walked through traffic management on a Tarmac site in Liverpool. The company achieved its objectives of demonstrating that the failures which it accepted occurred, did not lead to the pedestrian's tragic death. When the Judge gave written findings that this was the position, guilty pleas were entered and a significantly higher fine was avoided.

HSE v Nicky Deany (2017) – Defence of minimum wage care-worker who was instructed to offer "one to one supervision" of a man with special needs on a day trip to a lake. Whilst walking the man around the lake, she used her mobile phone and allowed herself to become distracted. The man she was caring for was found several minutes later having drowned in the shallow edge of the lake. She was prosecuted for breach of her duties by the HSE

HSE v Bullet Scaffolding (2017) – Represented director and company prosecuted for failing to ensure the safety of employees and those not in their employment, in which a skylight and scaffolding were not safe, and led to the serious injury of an employee following a fall.

HSE v Ebac Ltd (2014) – Represented company following serious burns to employee.

HSE v Rolls Royce PLC (2013) – Represented Rolls Royce following its prosecution for exposing employees to unacceptable levels of vibration within their Precision Cast Facility.

HSE v Northern Gas Networks (2013) – Represented the company following a gas explosion and fire following street excavations while replacing gas lines.

UK Wood PLC (2013) – Represented the company following the death of an employee on site. The Company had failed to manage appropriately the movement of vehicles within its premises.

HSE v Joy Mining PLC (2012) – Led by Peter Gower QC in representing this company following the death of an employee of UK Coal who was crushed to death when a hydraulic support supplied by the company failed during mining operations.