

# Stephen Grattage



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## Appointments

First-tier Tribunal Judge (2025)

## 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)

## Overview

Stephen is recommended as a Leading Junior in Chambers and Partners for his fraud work. 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 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.

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.

His experience of regulatory proceedings ranges from Inquest, through trial, to the High Court and Court of Appeal. Throughout his career, Stephen has prosecuted and represented those alleged to be involved in computer related crime.

## Recommendations

Ranked Band 3 – Crime, North Eastern Circuit  
**Chambers and Partners 2026**

Ranked Tier 2 – Crime (general and fraud), North Eastern Circuit  
**The Legal 500, 2026**

“Stephen’s attention to detail is spot on, he is articulate and clients warm to him.”

**Chambers and Partners 2025**

“With an incredible eye for detail, his adversarial skills are charming and intellectually persuasive.”

**The Legal 500, 2025**

“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**

“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.” Regulatory, Health and Safety, and Licensing

“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**

“He is excellent on detail and has a great grasp of every case he is involved in.” Crime

“Very bright – he is a balanced and fair advocate.” Financial Crime  
**Chambers and Partners 2022**

“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

#### 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.