Stephen Grattage

Call 2000

Clerks

Ian Spencer
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Kate Heald
0113 203 1983

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0113 518 2599

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0113 203 1970

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)

Healthcare (Presenting for General Medical Council)

The General Medical Council appointed Stephen to its panel of advocates in 2014 and regularly instructs him to appear particularly in relation to Fitness to Practise hearings.

Stephen is a well-regarded criminal and regulatory practitioner, noted for his general criminal work and particularly in fraud work, for which he has consistently been ranked as a Leading Junior by Chambers and Partners.

With a wealth of experience in complex and expert heavy litigation, Stephen has attracted instructions by multi-billion pound corporations in health and safety prosecutions in which medical causation has been at issue and in general crime, cases of medical complexity including non-accidental head injury of an infant.

Stephen has been allocated the highest rank by the Crown Prosecution Service (Grade 4) for several years and is included on their specialist rape and serious sexual offending panel.

Recommendations

"Stephen has talent and ability beyond the level of call."

"He delivers high-quality advice and representation, demonstrating professionalism and strong case management."

"Stephen is immaculate in his style, appearance and presentation. His very presence in the court room gives reassurance."

"Stephen is always prepared and on top of everything."

Ranked Band 2 – Crime, North Eastern Circuit
Chambers and Partners 2027

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.