

STEPHEN FERSON

Year of call
2013



Stephen Ferson specialises in Regulatory, Crime and Offshore matters.

A skilled and effective advocate, he is committed to providing his clients with an excellent service; combining thorough case preparation, sound judgment, and fearless advocacy to ensure a positive outcome.

Since commencing his career at the Bar Stephen has built a reputation for excellence, most notably in Regulatory, Criminal and Offshore matters.

Stephen is regularly instructed to represent registered professionals before their regulatory bodies, and has appeared before the HCPC, NMC and CIMA, in fitness to practice proceedings.

Stephen also acts on behalf of a number of leading regulatory bodies including the HCPC, ARB, NMC and the IFoA. He is regularly instructed to present serious and complex cases at all stages of the regulatory process. He has been commended for his work in these proceedings for: *"the quality and excellence of his case analysis, examination-in-chief, cross-examination and closing submissions which set an extremely high standard"*.

Stephen is an established criminal practitioner and regularly appears in the Crown, Magistrates and Youth Courts, on behalf of the prosecution and defence. He is often instructed in complex cases involving large scale operations such as drug importations, drugs conspiracies, serious violence, murder and sexual offences.

Stephen is an accredited Grade 3 CPS prosecutor and is engaged to provide advice to the CPS in relation to ongoing investigations. He has also been instructed by the National Crime Agency and the Metropolitan Police to act in ancillary applications including Public Interest Immunity applications, Police Property Act applications and applications for Judicial Review.

Stephen has a flourishing multi-jurisdictional practice. Most recently he returned to Chambers following several months working within the Economic Crime and Confiscation Unit, within the Attorney General's Office in Jersey; providing advice in respect of a number of ongoing investigations involving allegations of tax evasion, corruption and money laundering.

Stephen often contributes to lectures and seminars offered by Chambers in the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands.

Prior to commencing his career at the Bar, Stephen qualified as an accredited Police Station Representative, and gained experience representing suspects in a wide range of criminal investigations.

He later worked as a Legal Assistant within the Regulatory department of a leading London Law firm. Whilst there he developed invaluable experience in conducting complex investigations into allegations of professional misconduct.

Stephen is qualified to accept instructions directly from clients and is registered under the Bar Council's Public Access Scheme, meaning that members of the public who seek specialist advice can come direct to him. In addition, he welcomes instructions from solicitors, in-house law departments, qualified foreign lawyers, and clients licensed by the Bar Council to give instructions direct to barristers under the Bar Council's Licensed Access Scheme. For more information please visit our Direct Access page [here](#).

LEGAL EXPERTISE

Regulatory & Professional Discipline

Selected Cases

[ACCA v P \(2022\) – ACCA Disciplinary Committee](#)

Junior Alone. Instructed to represent a student member of the ACCA alleged to have acted dishonestly in the course of his application to the ACCA.

[IFoA – Advisory Work \(2021\)](#)

Instructed to advise the IFoA on the redrafting of its Rules and Regulations governing the entire disciplinary process including: Investigations, Interim Orders, Final Hearings, Appeals and Costs.

[HCPC v W \(2021\) - Health and Care Professions Tribunal Service \(London\)](#)

Junior alone. Prosecuting a paramedic who had inappropriately touched a female colleague and used grossly offensive language toward her.

[TfL v L – \(2021\) - Central Criminal Court](#)

Junior alone. Representing a licensed taxi driver on appeal against the revocation of his license.

HCPC v Z (2021) - Health and Care Professions Tribunal Service (London)

Junior alone. Prosecuting a registered Radiographer for fundamental failures in her use of radiographic equipment and incorrect examination of patients.

CIMA v S (2020) – Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (London)

Junior alone. Defending a Chartered Accountant in respect of allegations that he had flagrantly and repeatedly breached his employer's expenses policy when claiming thousands of pounds in expenses.

IFoA v W (2020) - Institute and Faculty of Actuaries (London)

Junior alone. Prosecuting an Actuary for failing to comply with the requirements of the IFoA's Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Scheme.

IFoA v A (2020) - Institute and Faculty of Actuaries (London)

Junior alone. Prosecuting an Actuary who had falsified academic documents in order to register with the IFoA.

HCPC v C (2020) - Health and Care Professions Tribunal Service (London)

Junior alone. Prosecuting a Sonographer who had engaged in rude and unprofessional behaviour and conducted unnecessarily intrusive and painful examinations on a number of patients.

HCPC v A (2019) - Health and Care Professions Tribunal Service (London)

Junior alone. Prosecuting a Paramedic who, having been called to the aid of a critically ill patient, subjected the patient to a tirade of verbal abuse.

HCPC v B (2019) - Health and Care Professions Tribunal Service (London)

Junior alone. Prosecuting an Operating Department Practitioner who had stolen controlled drugs from her place of work

HCPC v H (2019) - Health and Care Professions Tribunal Service (London)

Junior alone. Prosecuting a Paramedic alleged to have engaged in clinically unsafe practice in respect of a patient suffering a heart attack.

IFoA v C (2018) – Institute and Faculty of Actuaries (Belfast)

Junior alone. Prosecuting an Actuary, in the first case to be prosecuted pursuant to the IFoA's Capacity for Membership scheme.

HCPC v D (2018) – Health and Care Professions Tribunal Service (London)

Junior alone. Prosecuting a Paramedic who had engaged in a sexual relationship with a vulnerable patient.

HCPC v L (2018) – Health and Care Professions Tribunal Service (Belfast)

Junior alone. Prosecuting a Paramedic who had conducted sexually motivated examinations of female boxers.

HCPC v A (2018) – Health and Care Professions Tribunal Service (London)

Junior alone. Prosecuting a Physiotherapist who had perpetrated a number of sexual assaults upon a patient under the guise of a medical examination.

Crime

Selected Cases

R v J & H (2022) – St Albans Crown Court.

Led junior. Prosecution of two defendants charged with the murder of a young woman in Luton.

R v R (2021) – Warwick Crown Court

Junior alone. Defending a client charged with violent assaults on his ex-partner.

R v L (2021) – Croydon Crown Court

Junior alone. Prosecuting a defendant charged with Dangerous Driving and a number of assaults on police officers.

R v B (2021) – Luton Crown Court

Junior alone. Prosecuting a defendant for the robbery of an elderly, disabled man in broad daylight.

R v B (2021) – Reading Crown Court

Junior alone. Prosecuting a defendant for assaulting a road worker occasioning him actual bodily harm.

R v W (2021) – Reading Crown Court

Junior alone. Defending a young man on a charge of possession of an improvised blade in a prison.

NCA v 4S (2021) – Manchester Magistrates Court

Junior alone. Appearing on behalf of the NCA in a contested Police Property Act application advanced by a

suspect in a human trafficking investigation.

R v McD (2021) – Northampton Crown Court

Led Junior. Prosecuting multiple defendants charged with attempted murder and grievous bodily harm. The convicted defendants received a total of 52 years imprisonment

R v J (2020) – Cambridge Crown Court

Junior alone. Prosecuting a defendant charged with possession of a knife in a prison, which had been produced in the course of an assault on a prison guard.

R v S (2020) – Derby Crown Court

Junior alone. Prosecuting a defendant charged with a number of sexual assaults perpetrated against his ex-wife.

Police v C (2020) – Uxbridge Crown Court

Junior alone. Instructed by the Metropolitan Police to advise on Public Interest Immunity and Judicial Review applications in respect of a fraud investigation.

R v S (2020) – Leicester Crown Court

Junior alone. Prosecuting a defendant charged with assaulting his wife and young child in the family home.

R v D (2019) – Oxford Crown Court

Junior alone. Defending an employee of the Ministry of Defence for causing death by dangerous driving of a young motorcyclist.

Police v S (2019) – Camberwell Green Magistrates Court

Junior alone. Representing the Metropolitan Police in a contested Public Interest Immunity application in respect of a drugs investigation.

R v K and N (2019) – Northampton Crown Court

Led Junior. Prosecuting 2 defendants involved in an international conspiracy to import and supply Class B Drugs

R v E (2019) – Nottingham Crown Court

Junior alone. Defending an amateur footballer charged with causing grievous bodily harm whilst executing a tackle on an opposing player.

R v D (2019) – Northampton Crown Court

Led junior. Defending a client charged with the murder following an argument over a drug debt. The case resolved with a plea to manslaughter.

R v F (2018) – Court of Appeal

Junior alone. Acting for an appellant in an appeal against sentence following the appellant's conviction for a s18 Wounding offence.

R v S (2017) – Harrow Crown Court

Junior alone. Defending a client charged with perverting the course of justice in a multi-handed case in which the client's son was charged with s18 Wounding and Robbery.

R v P & D (2017) – Maidstone Crown Court

Led junior. Prosecuting in a two handed joint enterprise murder of a young man in a pre-arranged fight.

R v H (2017) – Court of Appeal

Junior alone. Acting for an appellant in an appeal against sentence following the appellant's conviction for a number of high profile 'moped snatch thefts' across north London.

R v P & D (2017)

Maidstone Crown Court. Led by Philippa McAtasney QC, prosecuting two defendants in a joint enterprise murder. Stephen assisted in drafting the prosecution opening, working closely with the police in presenting CCTV and other evidence and drafting written responses to bad character and disclosure arguments.

R v S (2016)

Southwark Crown Court. Junior alone. Successful defence of a young Algerian man charged with attempting to rob an undercover police officer, who recognised him.

R v D (2016)

Kingston Crown Court. Led by Philippa McAtasney QC. Successful defence of a businessman charged with a number of sexual assaults on young men.

R v H (2016)

Stevenage Youth Court. Junior alone. Successful defence of a 14-year old charged with s20 Wounding. The case involved the cross examination of 8 child witnesses and an alleged victim who had been diagnosed with autism and had the assistance of an intermediary.

Offshore & International

Selected Cases

Economic Crime and Confiscation Unit, Jersey (2021)

Seconded from Chambers for 6 months to provide advice and assistance in respect of a number of ongoing investigations involving allegations of tax evasion, corruption and money laundering.

Economic Crime Division of the Guernsey Police (2020)

Junior alone. Instructed to provide advice on issues of Legal Professional Privilege in respect of an ongoing money laundering investigation.

Appointments

- ADR Group Accredited Civil & Commercial Mediator
- CPS Panel Advocate – Level 3

Memberships

- Criminal Bar Association
- Association of Regulatory and Disciplinary Lawyers
- Young Fraud Lawyers' Association
- London Irish Lawyers' Association

Education

- Bristol Institute of Legal Practice, BPTC
- LLB Hons. University of Bristol