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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Personal Injury, International & Travel, Insurance, Arbitration

JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS

Recorder: 2002 - Present

Stephen was described in the 2016 Chambers Directory as “one of the top silks at the Personal Injury Bar”.

His work involves very high value catastrophic injury claims principally for insurers

He also has a particular specialism in motor insurance law for which he is considered to be one of the UK's pre-eminent lawyers.

Stephen has worked for MIB for many years and is now one of their principal advisers on technical insurance issues.

He works for all the major insurance companies and Defendant personal injury firms

He has been a Recorder since 2002 and he is a Bencher of Gray's Inn

Insurance

Motor insurance is Stephen's particular speciality. He is the “go to” person in relation to motor indemnity issues for most of the UK motor insurers and is highly experienced in obtaining Road Traffic Act declarations

Qualifications & Awards

MA (Cantab) Trinity College, Cambridge (2:1)

Atkin Prize : Gray's Inn (1976)

Appointments & Memberships

Recorder : 2002 – Present

Chairman of the Law Reform Committee of the Bar Council: 2011 – 2015

Director of Bar Mutual: 2005 – 2009

Committee Member of the London Common Law and Commercial Bar Association: 2003 – 2005

Personal Injuries Bar Association

Professional Negligence Bar Association

Directories

Stephen has been recommended by the legal directories for many years.

Most recently:

Chambers 2016: Band 1 : “His knowledge of MIB cases is first class, he is meticulously prepared and he is very commercially minded””One of the top silks at the PI Bar”

Legal 500: Tier 2: “He has a very considerable intellect and top technical nous”

Cases

McCracken v Smith & MIB [2013] EWHC 3620 (QB) – ex turpi causa

Wilkinson v Fitzgerald [2013] 1 WLR 1776 – the construction of section 151 (8) of the Road Traffic Act 1988

Carswell v Secretary of State for Transport & MIB [2010] EWHC 3230 (QB) – the construction of the Untraced Drivers Agreement

Phillips v Rafiq [2007] PIQR P304 – the meaning of “claimant” in the Uninsured Drivers Agreement

Watson v British Boxing Board of Control [2001] QB 1134 – the duty of care owed to a boxer by the regulatory body

Heil v Rankin [2001] QB 272 – the proper method of calculation of general damages for personal injury

Blue Circle v Ministry of Defence [1998] 3 All ER 385 – the calculation of damages resulting from nuclear pollution