

Stephen Thomas

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Introduction

Stephen is a specialist crime practitioner. He both prosecutes and defends with an increasing emphasis on defence work.

Reported Cases:

R v Steadman and other Stephen led a junior and police team in a 12 week trial of 19 defendants, one and a half million pounds, and high value car key burglary conspiracy involving 48 separate burglaries. The leading defendants received sentences in double figures.

R v Ahmed and others Stephen led a junior and police team in the 9 handed Conspiracy prosecution of a professional gang of high value Car Thieves and armed jewellery shop Robbers. The leading figures received double figure sentences.

R v Bi and others Stephen led a junior and Police team in the substantial prosecution of a sham Marriage and benefits fraud case.

R v Richards and another Stephen successfully prosecuted the armed robbers of Cannabis Farm in the Worcester Area in which the gun fight in the farmyard resulted in one of the Robbers losing a leg.

R v Doe and others Stephen successfully prosecuted a leading figure in a series of targeted armed house Robberies on the evidence of a fellow participant who had entered into a prosecution agreement and had already received a reduction of his sentence from an indeterminate one to a short determinate one.

Appointments:

Recorder of the Crown Court

Crime

Consistently appears as leading Junior in notable and high profile cases and is regularly instructed by the Complex Case Unit in Birmingham.

Considerable experience in working with and leading junior Counsel and teams of Police officers.

High Level of security clearance with experience of liaising with the Security Services in very Sensitive cases.

Providing advice in sensitive and politically complicated potential prosecutions e.g. behaviour of police officers embedded in Animal rights groups and the potential prosecution for Misconduct in a Public Office of the Mayor and leading figures of all political parties in a Northern town.

Consistently appearing in Multi- complainant sexual trials with particular reference to the use of intermediaries.

Privately funded Death by Dangerous Driving cases.

A Grade 4 CPS Prosecutor since 1998.

A CPS approved Rape Specialist.

Environmental

Stephen was formally employed by the predecessor to the NRA and on his return to the bar continued to prosecute Pollution cases in the Crown court and has subsequently defended companies faced with such matters.

Stephen appeared in the Divisional court in the important case of National Rivers Authority V Welsh Development Agency Env L.R 407 which dealt with causing or knowingly permitting issues. He has maintained an academic interest in this area and in particular the interaction of European law on the strict liability foundations of Environmental law

Corporate and Gross Negligence Manslaughter

Stephen recently acted for a bus company who were indicted due to the condition of their bus in a fatal accident and for a company who were prosecuted due to a fatality allegedly caused by deficient fork lift truck pathway delineation.

Stephen has close links with Antigua and is in the process of being called to the Antigua Bar which will enable him to practice in East Caribbean Courts. He is associated with a leading Law firm on the island which specialises in family and commercial matters.