

Stephen Bailey

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Stephen joined Hailsham Chambers in October 2009 on successful completion of pupillage. He is now developing his practice in all of Chambers' areas of specialism. During pupillage he had the benefit of seeing a broad range of work with his pupil supervisors, including professional negligence work (both for claimants and defendants) with Simon Wilton and Glenn Campbell, and clinical negligence and disciplinary work with Andrew Post. He saw cases at all levels of court, from the county courts to the House of Lords. Stephen also went on secondment to the medical law department of one of the major London law firms.

Stephen is regularly asked to advise and draft pleadings in professional negligence, clinical negligence, personal injury and contractual matters. He has conducted a broad range of hearings in the county courts and High Court, including small claims and fast track trials, CMCs, possession hearings, applications for permission to appeal and applications in the Companies Court.

Whilst at the University of Sheffield Stephen reached the final of the prestigious Oxford University International Intellectual Property Mooting Competition, and won the prize for Best Individual Mooter after appearing in front of Lord Justices Mummery and Jacob and Mr Justice Pumfrey.

Practice Profile

Professional Negligence

Stephen is happy to undertake work in all areas of professional negligence for both claimants and defendants. Stephen gained extensive experience during pupillage in drafting pleadings as well as advising on liability, evidence and the quantum of damages in litigation arising out of the alleged negligence of solicitors, surveyors, brokers and barristers.

Medical Law

Stephen advises both claimants and defendants on liability, evidence and quantum in litigation arising out of the alleged negligence of medical practitioners. During pupillage Stephen gained significant experience of medical law matters. For six months he sat with Andrew Post, a very experienced clinical negligence specialist, with whom Stephen saw *Beggs v Medway Trust* [2008] EWHC 2888 (QB), a clinical negligence trial regarding shoulder dystocia. Stephen also went on secondment to the medical law department of a major London law firm.

Regulatory and Disciplinary

Stephen is developing his practice in regulatory and disciplinary work. During pupillage he saw the longest Fitness to Practise hearing ever held by the General Optical Council (*GOC v Boots; Burgess; and Simmons*) and also attended the GMC, NMC and SDT. Stephen is particularly interested in the cross-over between regulatory and disciplinary law and employment and public law issues.

Personal Injury/RTA

Stephen conducts personal injury trials and infant settlement hearings. He also has experience of credit hire disputes.

Commercial Litigation

Stephen is developing his practice in commercial litigation. He has experience advising on the construction of terms in commercial contracts and on commercial property disputes.

Mortgage Possession

Stephen has considerable experience of representing lenders in mortgage possession proceedings, obtaining possession orders and resisting applications to suspend warrants for possession.

Awards & Scholarships

Leonard Sainer Foundation Award 2005

Best Individual Mooter Oxford Intellectual Property Mooting Competition 2005

Simon Ball Memorial Prize for Contract 2002

Scholarship to the Royal Hospital School 1999-2001

Memberships

PNBA and LCLCBA.

Further Information

Year of call: 2006

Specialist areas: professional negligence, medical law, regulatory and disciplinary law, personal injury and commercial litigation

Education:

2006 - 2007: LLM (London, UCL), Merit

2005 - 2006: Bar Vocational Course (BPP), Very Competent (Outstanding in Advocacy, Negotiation)

2002 - 2005: LLB (Sheffield), Upper Second

Personal

Stephen's interests include travel, reading, music, film and theatre. Before starting pupillage Stephen travelled for four months in India, South-East Asia and South America.

Whilst at the Royal Hospital School Stephen was the Student in Charge of Holbrook Coastguard, one of the few coastguard units in the world manned partially by school students.
