

STEPHEN SUTTLE QC

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Call: 1980

Silk: 2003

SPECIALISATION

- Defamation
- Malicious Falsehood/Trade libel
- Privacy and Confidence
- Injunctions
- Harassment
- Open Justice and Reporting Restrictions
- Contempt of Court
- Protection of Sources
- Data Protection
- Freedom of Information
- Access to Court Documents
- Production Orders
- Pre-publication Advice
- Negligent Misstatement
- Human Rights Law, particularly articles 8 and 10 of the ECHR

Stephen specialises in all aspects of media law and related human rights law, and has been involved in many substantial cases. He has been nominated by the Attorney General to advise and act for a number of government ministers, departments and officials in a wide variety of media-related matters. He recently appeared in the House of Lords in *Ashley v. Chief Constable of Sussex*, a claim for battery in which the HL considered unusual and complex questions in relation to the purpose of civil proceedings, abuse of process and the presumption of innocence under Article 6(2) of the ECHR. He is a member of the Professional Conduct Committee of the Bar Standards Board.

RECOMMENDATIONS

As well as possessing "attention to detail and thoroughness that are legendary," Stephen Suttle QC "also displays fierce commitment to his client's case." His practice encompasses the full range of media law, as well as related human rights matters. **Chambers and Partners 2010**

"An intensely cerebral character" who is "simply spectacular" He is particularly expert in defamation and its related areas.

Chambers and Partners 2009

Solicitors praise Stephen Suttle QC as '*one of the cleverest advocates at the bar*'
The Legal 500 2008/9

"A quality silk who is "a lawyer in the classical mould", admired for his "fantastic guidance, shrewd analysis and sensible calming influence."

Chambers and Partners 2008

Listed as well regarded.

Legal 500 2007/8

"Understands the most complex things effortlessly."

Chambers and Partners 2007

Recommended silk – the "pragmatic and commercial" Stephen Suttle QC.

Legal 500 2006/7

08/10/09

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Oxford University: BA (double first class honours): Moderations in Classics, 1970; *Literae Humaniores*, 1972, MA 1976

City University, Islington: Diploma in Law with Distinction, 1979

Gray's Inn: Band Prize, 1980

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REPRESENTATIVE CASES OF INTEREST

- Ashley v. Chief Constable of Sussex (2008)
- Sorrel v. Fullsix (2007)
- Miller v. Associated Newspapers (2005)
- Oliver v. Chief Constable of Northumberland (2004)
- Yousuf Jameel v. Times Newspapers (2004)
- McArdle v. Newcastle Chronicle (2004)
- Ghannouchi v. Al Arab (2003)
- Elaine Chase v News Group Newspapers Ltd (2002) Paediatric community nurse alleged to have hastened the death of terminally ill children
- Attorney General v MGN (2001)
- Venables & Thompson v News Group Newspapers & Ors (2000-2001) Identification ban on new identities of killers of James Bulger.
- Palumbo v Observer (2000)
- Jacob Ecclestone v NUJ & Foster (1999-2000)
- Bleakley v Granada (1996-8)
- Bennett v News Group Newspapers (1995-)
- Bennett v Guardian Newspapers (1995-8)
- Bennett v Time Out Magazine (1995-9)
- Gladding v Channel Four Television (1995-8)
- Docherty v Jonathan Cape (1991-2)
- Curran v forthmann; Curran v A & C Black (1999)
- Wilmot-Smith v Daily Telegraph; Kirby v Daily Telegraph (1995-7)
- The Frost Group v Retail Motor Industry Federation (1995-7)
- Doder v Time Magazine (1994-7)
- Botham & Lamb v Imran Khan (1994-6)
- Bennett v Portland Publishing (1993-5)
- Sharp v Daily Telegraph (1996-7)
This case concerned a consultant who believed he had developed a treatment for AIDS and was struck off.
- Moon v Kent County Council (1992-2001)
- Taylforth v Newsgroup Newspapers PLC & The Metropolitan Police (1994)
- Skuse v Granada Television (1988-94)
- Aspro Travel v Owners Abroad (1992-5)
- BBC v CPS (1992-3)
- Teamstore v Osram (1991-2)
- Bookbinder v Tebbit (1987-91)
- Rechem v Express Newspapers (1989-95)
- Papandreou v Time Magazine (1989-92)
- Servco v Konica Business Machines (1988)
- The Morgan Crucible Company Plc v Hill Samuel & Ors (1986-90)
- Bobolas v The Economist (1985-7)
- Arthur Young v The Right Hon. Nigel Lawson MP (1985-6)

- Derek Jameson v BBC (1984)
- Metal Closures Plc v Broken Hill Pty Ltd (1982-4)

PUBLICATIONS AND SEMINARS

Information and Media Law – Latest Developments (June 2006): “Reporting Restrictions, Contempt of Court and Open Justice”

Miscellaneous articles in Media Lawyer

OTHER INFORMATION

Member of the Professional Conduct Committee of the Bar Standards Board.

INTERESTS

Playing the organ, piano and French horn, classical studies, cricket, Greece and the West Country