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"Stephanie has a brilliant legal brain: she is able to see problems and work them through before arriving at the best answer." The Legal 500 2024

"An engaging, courageous advocate." The Legal 500 2024

Steph has a multi-disciplinary practice focussing on matters affecting health, sport and the environment. She is ranked as a "rising star" in administrative law and human rights, as well as Court of Protection, and a "leading junior" in environmental law by The Legal 500. Her experience spans a wide range of work, from public interest judicial reviews, regulatory work to private law claims and commercial claims.

She holds degrees from the University of Cambridge and the London School of Economics, where she was awarded the prize for the best mark in the LLM in Human Rights (2014).

Steph is a regular contributor to the Journal of Environmental Law, LawInSport and Sport Resolutions. She has peer reviewed for the Australian and New Zealand Sports Law Journal.. She has also contributed to the latest edition of Wilmot-Smith on Construction Contracts (4th edition, May 2021),

Areas of expertise

Administrative and Public

Commercial

Civil Liberties and Human Rights

Healthcare

Environment and Planning

Sport

Court of Protection and Medical Treatment

Civil Liberties and Human Rights

Steph has a wealth of experience in human rights claims in both public and private law proceedings for declarations and damages trafficking, new and novel medical conditions (raising important issues relating to medical ethics), social care, care leavers, prisoners, mental health and sport.

She was also instructed by Liberty and Bindmans, as junior counsel to Fenella Morris KC and Nicola Greaney, in the claims, brought by former residents of Winterbourne View, for damages under the HRA 1998.

She co-wrote the chapter on the Equality Act in a forthcoming Legal Action Group book.

Notable recent instructions include:

- ***Ted Jennings v Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority* [2022] EWHC 1619 (Fam)** - As junior counsel to Jenni Richards KC and Catherine Dobson, acted for the successful claimant and obtained a declaration that it was lawful for him to use an embryo, created using his sperm and the eggs of his late wife, in treatment with a surrogate. The claim was based upon a disproportionate interference with his Article 8 Convention rights.
- ***R (Meenal Viz and Nishant Joshi) v (1) Secretary of State for Health and Social Care (2) Public Health England* (case no. CO/2095 /2020)** – As junior counsel to Jenni Richards KC, acted for the British Medical Association, an interested party in a challenge to guidance on Personal Protective Equipment on Article 2 and 8 grounds, during the Covid-19 pandemic. Advising on an urgent judicial review relating to an anti-abortion protest outside a hospital engaging Articles 8, 9, 10 and 11 of the Convention.
- As junior counsel to Vikram Sachdeva KC, representing two social worker managers in Court of Appeal proceedings relating to anonymity, transparency and reporting restrictions in family proceedings, following *re S* [2005] 1 AC 593, para 17; *Abbasi v Newcastle upon Tyne NHS Trust* (Fam D) [2022] Fam 180.
- ***Welsh Ministers v PJ* [2019] 2 W.L.R 82** - As junior counsel to Jenni Richards KC and Peter Mant, successfully represented the appellant. The Supreme Court confirmed that it was not permissible for a responsible clinician to impose conditions on a Community Treatment Order (CTO) that would amount to a deprivation of a person's liberty.

Memberships

- Administrative Law Bar Association ("ALBA")
- Women in Sports Law ("WiSL")
- Court of Protection Bar Association ("CPBA")
- UK Environmental Law Association ("UKELA")

Qualifications

Education

- 2018, Asian International Arbitration Centre, Certificate in Sports Arbitration
- 2014-2016, City Law School, Bar Professional Training Course
- 2012-2014, Master of Laws, London School of Economics and Political Science ("LSE"), Distinction
- 2011-2012, City Law School, Graduate Diploma in Law, Distinction
- 2008-2011, Emmanuel College, University of Cambridge, Human, Social and Political Sciences, MA Hons (Cantab)

Scholarships and Prizes

- 2014 – Prize for best mark in LLM in Human Rights at the London School of Economics and Political Science
- 2013 – UK Semi-Finalist in the Jessup Public International Law Moot

- 2012 – Lord Denning Scholarship, Honourable Society of Lincoln’s Inn
- 2009, 2010 – Senior Exhibition at Emmanuel College, University of Cambridge
- 2008 – Prime Minister’s Global Fellowship

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